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HAPPY CROWDS GET CHRISTMAS DINNER BASKETS

Early Comers Permitted to Wait Inside the Warm Kinloch Building.

ENOUGH FOR 10,000

Sixteen Hundred and Thirty-Four Packages Ready for Distribution at 10 A. M.

SNOW IS NO BARRIER

Car Tickets Permitted Poor to Make the Journey With Little Trouble.

With a cheery "Come in!" as they entered, and a hearty "Merry Christmas!" as they went out, hundreds of needy persons, most of them mothers, filed through the first floor of the Kinloch Building, Tenth and Locust streets, Friday, and received half-bushel baskets heaped with food for Christmas dinners.

The distribution of the baskets was the opening event of the Post-Dispatch Christmas Festival, which will take place at the Coliseum Saturday morning and afternoon.

The 1634 baskets whose distribution began Friday morning are to feed 10,000 persons who will be unable to go to the Coliseum. Their names were furnished by 18 charitable organizations, and postal cards entitling them to the baskets, with coupon street car tickets attached, were sent out.

The distribution was supposed to begin at 10 a. m., and street-car tickets were not good until that hour. But it was hardly 8 o'clock when anxious women, who feared that they somehow might miss the longed-for feast, came trudging through the snow to the Tenth street entrance.

All Are Admitted.

No one was allowed to wait outside. The earliest comers were invited in by the policemen at the door, and were seated near warm steam radiators until the necessary work of preparation for the later rush was done.

Mrs. A. H. Sippy, chairman of the Ladies' Basket Committee, and most of her 40 assistants, were ready at 8:30 a. m. to begin the work of allotment, and the first woman who had arrived was taken in charge by one of the ladies and escorted along the rope line, behind which stood the dispensers of Christmas dainties.

From that time every person who arrived and presented a postal card ticket was taken in charge by an individual member of the ladies' committee, who remained at the applicant's side until the end of the line was reached, and saw that none of the good things on hand was, through any oversight, left out of the basket.

The big basket itself, with two loaves of bread, several potatoes, a pound of coffee, a pound of sugar and pound cans of corn, tomatoes, soup and prunes, and a bag of candy, was given to the applicant.

Then the guests, piloted each by a red-badged committeewoman, reached the crowning attraction of the room—the loaded trucks of chickens. Each had been asked, on entering, the number in the family to be supplied, and the apportionment of chickens was made on the basis of the number to be fed. The lonely old woman without a family got a medium-size chicken, the mother of two or three children a large chicken, and for every family of more than five two chickens were provided.

Nothing Left Undone.

While the basket-holders rejoiced over the plump fowls, they were moving toward the next supply station, where big bunches of celery were inserted under the handles of the now well-filled baskets.

This was all the baskets would hold, but there was another stop, at a long table near the Locust street door. There a group of white-aproned women had the difficult task of covering the heaping baskets with thick paper, to prevent damage from the falling snow.

Then, with a last look to make sure that each had a secure hold on the heavy basket, and had the remaining street car ticket coupon where it could be found without having to set down the basket, the guests were given a gracious farewell.

For each there was a hearty handclasp and a kindly "Good-by; Merry Christmas; hope you'll enjoy your dinner."

And one by one the basket holders, uttering their thanks to the ladies who had seen them through the distribution, and, in many cases, to the Post-Dispatch readers whose gifts had made their Christmas feast possible, passed out.

Mrs. Sippy's corps of busy assistants, who were divided between the work of distribution and the task of individually escorting applicants along the distributing line, were:

Mrs. B. Blickhahn, Mrs. J. A. Reardon, Mrs. A. F. Mauk, Miss Ruth Hirsch, Mrs. Charles Sparks, Miss Ida Worp, Miss A. M. Brown, Mrs. C. R. Blasse, Miss Loretta Wand, Mrs. H. W. Knehaus, Mrs. J. S. Robinson, Miss Grace Robinson, Mrs. Alice Schlereck,

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A Christmas Present!

Every Newsboy and every Carrier regularly selling the Post-Dispatch will be furnished with his usual number of copies of

Today's Post-Dispatch FREE!

This will be the Christmas gift of the Post-Dispatch to its army of selling merchants.

YOU pay as usual, but THEIR profit will be 100 per cent.

MARK TWAIN'S DAUGHTER DIES IN A BATH TUB

Humorist Believes That Jean Clemens Drowned When Suffering From Epilepsy.

By Associated Press.

REDDING, Conn., Dec. 24.—Miss Jean Clemens, daughter of Samuel L. Clemens (Mark Twain), was found drowned in a bathtub in Mr. Clemens' home here today.

It is believed that Miss Clemens suffered from an attack of epilepsy and was drowned in a convulsion. She had suffered from epilepsy for a number of years.

Speaking of his daughter's death, Mr. Clemens said:

"My daughter, Jean Clemens, passed from this life suddenly this morning at 7:30 o'clock.

"All the last half of her life she was an epileptic, but she grew better latterly. For the past two years we considered her practically well, but she was not allowed to be entirely free. Her maid, who has served us 28 years, was always with her when she went to New York on shopping excursions and such things. She had very few convulsions in the past two years and those she had were not violent. At 7:30 this morning a maid went to her room to see why she did not come down to her breakfast, and found her in the bath tub drowned. It means that she had a convulsion and could not get out.

"She had been leading a very active life. She spent the greater part of her time looking after a farm which I bought for her, and she did much of my secretary work besides. Last night she and I chatted later than usual in the library, and she told me all her plans about the housekeeping, for she was also my housekeeper. I said everything was going on smoothly, that I thought I would make another trip to Bermuda in February, and she said put it off till March and she and her maid would go with me. So we made that arrangement.

"But she is gone, poor child. She was all I had left, except Clara, who married Mr. Gabrilowitsch lately and has just arrived in Europe."

Mr. Clemens returned last Monday from his winter vacation in Bermuda. The author complained of pain in his left breast. Since the death of his close friend, Henry H. Rogers, a year ago, Mr. Clemens has felt much depressed and the death of his daughter today, his friends fear, will prove a serious shock to the aged writer.

Miss Jean Clemens was the constant companion of her father, acting to some extent as his literary amanuensis. She was a young woman of varied accomplishments, having traveled widely.

Her literary tendencies followed those of her father, and she had his vivacity of manner, and to some extent resembled him in personal appearance.

Her devotion to her father was shown only yesterday when she personally telephoned to newspapers of New York a statement from her father humorously dismissing the report that he was dying. Miss Clemens, at that time, spoke affectionately of her father's good health, and said that he wished the whole world a Merry Christmas.

PNEUMONIA ENDANGERS BRYAN

JACKSONVILLE, Fla., Dec. 24.—William J. Bryan, who has been in this city several days as the guest of his cousin, William S. Jennings, was too ill to deliver his scheduled address at the Duval Theater for the benefit of a local hospital.

Mr. Bryan is suffering from a severe cold and is threatened with pneumonia. He has canceled all future dates and will remain here for several days.

NEWSBOYS GET POST-DISPATCH FREE ALL DAY

Entire Issue Presented as Christmas Gift to Selling Merchants for Paper.

The Christmas present of the Post-Dispatch to its army of selling merchants, the newsboys and carriers who sell the paper on the streets and deliver it to the homes of the city, is the entire Friday output of all editions for the city and suburbs.

Every newsboy and every carrier regularly selling the Post-Dispatch will be furnished with his usual number of copies absolutely free. The price to the purchasers is the same as on other days, but every cent receiv - by the newsboys and carriers in payment for the day's issue will be their own.

The day before Christmas is fixed upon by the Post-Dispatch as the day for presenting the output to the news merchants, instead of Christmas day, because the day before Christmas is a normal day and the sales will be much greater than on Christmas day.

On former Christmas days the presents of the Post-Dispatch to its merchants have been of various kinds. One Christmas 3000 sweaters were given, and other useful gifts have been distributed at different times. Several times special Christmas dinners have been given for the newsboys. But it is believed that the plan of giving the paper to them for a day is better than all the others, in that all are treated alike.

It should be understood that the gifts are not those of an employer to employes. Contrary to the common understanding, the newsboys and carriers are not employes of the Post-Dispatch. They buy and sell the product of the publishers of the Post-Dispatch. Their relation to the newspaper is that of selling merchants. They buy the papers and sell them at a profit and keep the profit. But this day it is all profit. The papers cost the merchant nothing and all the proceeds of his sales go into his pocket.

The free papers go to the carriers and newsboys in the surrounding towns, as well as in St. Louis. The only return received by the Post-Dispatch for the day's output will be for papers that are sent to subscribers through the mails, which are not handled by the selling merchants.

Burglars Rob Church Poor Box.

The poor box in St. Anthony's Church, Compton avenue and Meramec street, was robbed of $2 by burglars who forced an entrance to the church Thursday evening.

HAVE YOU?

IF YOU hope to enjoy Christmas Day the poor Children of St. Louis must not be without gifts, nor any person in St. Louis without food.

If you have not given to the Post-Dispatch Christmas Festival Fund, your neglect may prevent this great hospitality extending to some child.

Ten thousand dollars is needed and not quite $7000 has been given.

Do not look up from your loaded table and over the heads of your joyous children seeing in imagination the joyless poor you might have made happy had you sent a contribution to the Christmas Festival Fund.

ARGUMENTS END; FORTNER CASE GOES TO JURY

Realty Man's Attorneys Ask His Freedom as Wife's Christmas Gift.

HE AWAITS A VERDICT

Accused Man Remains in Courtroom to Learn Result After Jury Retires.

ONE COUNT DISMISSED

Realty Man Can Be Sentenced Only for "Uttering" Alleged Bogus Paper.

The case of M. Dwight Fortner, charged with forging the name of Henry C. Tulley as endorsement of a $12,000 check went to the jury at 1:25 p. m. Friday.

Fortner remained in the courtroom, awaiting the verdict while his wife went out for luncheon. Judge Harvey, chief of counsel for the defense, hurried to Union Station to catch a train for Jackson, Miss., where he will spend Christmas with relatives.

C. B. Williams and Judge Harvey, attorneys for Fortner, made a sentimental plea to the jury to give Mrs. Fortner's husband to her as a Christmas present. They also dwelt upon the joy of their little boy when he would find that his father was free.

The strongest point made in the arguments for the defense was that if Fortner had intended to forge Tulley's name it would not have been necessary for him to go to Tulley's office with the $12,000 check, as testimony for the prosecution showed that Fortner had at least three signatures of Tulley on contracts for the sale of the Alice Apartments.

Arguments were begun at 11:30 a. m. after Judge Grimm had given 11 instructions to the jury, one of which was that if Fortner is found guilty his punishment must be from two to seven years in the penitentiary.

This, in effect, fixed the charge as third degree forgery, and the judge specifically instructed the jury that it was to consider only the second count in the indictment, that Fortner "uttered," or passed, a forged check. The jury was told to ignore the charge that Fortner forged the indorsement.

The instructions, in substance, were:

By the indictment the defendant is charged on the second count and is accused of passing and circulating as true a certain cashier's check. You are to consider only this count in reaching your verdict.

If you find that within the last three years the defendant passed as true what purported to be the indorsement of H. C. Tulley, that this indorsement was forged and that the defendant, knowing it was forged, passed it, intending to cheat and defraud, then you will find him guilty.

Past Good Conduct Considered.

It is incumbent on the State to prove that Fortner knew the indorsement was forged, but it is not necessary to prove intent to defraud. It is sufficient to show that his act was one calculated to defraud.

Flight from the State raises a presumption of guilt. If you believe the defendant fled to avoid arrest, you must take that into consideration. But, though he fled, if you do not believe that he did so to escape arrest, you shall not hold his flight against him.

The defendant made statements to anyone as to his guilt or innocence, that fact may be considered.

Crime may be proven by circumstances as well as by eye-witnesses.

If you believe from the evidence that Henry C. Tulley signed the indorsement on the check you will find the defendant not guilty.

Evidence of experts is advisory. You are not bound by their opinions, and may disregard such of their evidence as seems to you unreasonable.

Previous good character of a defendant may be taken into consideration, and you must bear in mind that a person of good reputation is less likely to commit a crime.

Assistant Circuit Attorney Newton, in his argument, frequently referred to Tulley as "poor old Tulley." He called attention to a letter written by Fortner in which he said he expected no commissions on the deal for the Alice Apartments, should it be consummated. This, he said, showed that Fortner could have had no claim on Tulley which would justify his taking the $12,000.

"This defendant," he said, "is guilty of forgery or of larceny by deception or embezzlement. Why did he want Steer to give him New York exchange for the $12,000? Because he was even then contemplating this trip to Panama and Paris and he knew that it would be easier for him to cash a draft than a check. Why did he hesitate about signing his name on the back of the check? Because he knew he was committing a crime.

"Why did he ask Tulley where he did his banking? Because he wanted to present the forged check at a bank where the forgery would not be detect-

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Here Is a Chance to Get a Real, Live Baby for Christmas Present!

Bethesda Foundlings' Home Offers Choice of Sixty for Adoption and St. Ann's and Other Institutions Have Equally Dainty Selections.

How would you like to have a baby for a Christmas present? Not the kind the stork brings, but a big, laughing, crowing, kicking baby, old enough to say "Mamma" and "Papa."

There are about 60 of them at the Bethesda Foundlings' Home, and you can take your pick if you can satisfy the management that you deserve such a Christmas gift as that, and would take good care of it. And there are just any number of them at St. Ann's, and other institutions that make a specialty of babies. And they don't cost anything. That's the best of it. You can get one for the asking, always supposing that you are the right sort to have a baby for a Christmas present.

"The majority of our babies may be adopted," said Mrs. Marie Schoenher, the matron at Bethesda "and we would be glad to give them over to proper persons as Christmas presents.

"Nothing could be more fitting and in keeping with the spirit of Christmas time. Here are the fatherless and motherless waifs with no home, and nobody to give them an idea of Christmas. To take one of them into a good home and make it happy and comfortable is as worthy a deed as could be accomplished, and it will also make those happy who do it."

The Rev. C. C. Stahmann, head of the Children's Home Society of Missouri said that organization had only one baby for adoption at this time.

"There is nothing that could give more pleasure and do more real good to both the giver and recipient than the adoption of a baby on Christmas," he said, "and I wonder that it is not done oftener."

WOMAN SANTA IS BADLY BURNED

Her Whiskers Catch Fire When She Goes Too Near Candles.

CHARLESTON, Ill., Dec. 24.—Putting on the guise of Santa Claus including a heavy false beard, to amuse the children of Charleston, Miss Clara McClory drew too near the candles of the Christmas tree, her beard caught fire, and today she is in a serious condition from burns.

Miss McClory is instructor of music in the Charleston schools.

SNOW IS LIKELY TO TURN TO RAIN BEFORE DAY IS ENDED, IS WEATHER MAN'S BELIEF

THE TEMPERATURES.

1 a. m.	30	9 a. m.	28
2 a. m.	31	11 a. m.	30
5 a. m.	30	1 p. m.	31
7 a. m.	27	3 p. m.	33

For the Last 24 Hours.

Maximum ..... 31 at 2 a. m.
Minimum ..... 27 at 7 a. m.

The official forecast: Rain or snow tonight and probably Saturday morning; warmer tonight with the minimum temperature about freezing.

Illinois—Rain in south, snow or rain in northern portions tonight and Saturday; warmer tonight.

"There ought to be a verdict this evening some time," said the Court Clerk.

"But suppose the jury stays out after the Judge goes home," suggested the Bailiff.

"In that case," said the Court Clerk, "I guess they'll put their verdict in an envelope, with one of these express company stickers on the outside."

"Why, what do the stickers say?"

"Not to be opened until Christmas."

M'KINLEY DATA WORTHLESS; COOK FIRED FROM CLUB

Scientist for Explorers' Club Find Nothing to Show He Reached Summit.

Special to the Post-Dispatch.

NEW YORK, Dec. 24.—Following the report of a subcommittee, which found that there was no proof that Dr. Frederick A. Cook had climbed Mount McKinley, the Explorers' Club accepted the document by a unanimous vote this afternoon and Dr. Cook was expelled from membership in the club.

On the committee were friends of Dr. Cook.

The committee in its report said it had made every effort to obtain information from Dr. Cook on the Mount McKinley expedition and that Dr. Cook appeared before the committee on October 17 last and promised to submit data and other information, which he failed to do, and that the committee believes he purposely disappeared.

Examined Barrill.

The committee says it examined Edward Barrill, the guide, who was with Dr. Cook on his expedition, and also took the testimony of the packer, Frederick Printz, but that in reaching its verdict the committee threw out the testimony of Barrill and Printz, in view of the possibility that their testimony might be questioned.

The committee says its report against Dr. Cook is based entirely on scientific testimony.

The committee consisted of Anthony Fiala, the Arctic explorer and a friend of Dr. Cook; Frederick S. Dellenbaugh of the American Geographical Society; Prof. Marshall H. Saville of the chair of archeology in Columbia University; Walter G. Clark, Charles H. Townsend, director of the New York Aquarium; Henry C. Walsh, secretary of the Explorers' Club, and Caspar Whitney.

Several members of the investigating committee are members of the board of directors of the club and the acceptance of the committee's report after its reading this afternoon is regarded as nothing more than a formality.

UNGRATEFUL BEGGAR STABS YOUTH WHO GAVE HIM DIME

Guy Boyd, 18 years old, of 5708 South road, was stabbed in the left groin and seriously wounded by a mendicant to whom he had given a dime Thursday night. He is at the City Hospital and the beggar and two companions are held at Central District Police Station.

Boyd and Thomas Brazere of 5049 Wilson avenue were in a restaurant at Fourth and Market streets after a theater trip when the beggar approached and asked them for the price of a bed. Boyd gave him a dime.

"If you really want that money for a bed and do not intend spending it for drink I will let you have more for breakfast," said Boyd as he followed the tramp to the sidewalk.

"What business is it of yours what I do with the money," said the beggar.

Just then two other beggars approached and the first beggar drew a knife and stabbed Boyd.

WOMEN FOUGHT WITH ZELAYA'S MEN IN DITCHES AND IN THE OPEN

One Wounded and the Others Taken Prisoners After a Fierce Battle.

SCORES KILLED IN TEN-MINUTE FIGHT

Hand-to-Hand Conflict With Pistol and Machete Won by Insurgents.

TUGBOATS SHELL A VILLAGE FROM RIVER

Two Generals Are Among the Prisoners — First Detailed Account of Battle.

Special Cable to the Post-Dispatch and New York World.

BLUEFIELDS, Nicaragua, Dec. 24.—Crushed by the hammering of superior troops, all but 500 of the Zelayan force at Rama are dead or prisoners of the insurgents. Among the prisoners are many women, who fought in the trenches shoulder to shoulder with the men until driven from these defenses by the machine guns manned by Americans.

The women were armed with rifles and fought with desperate courage. One, seriously wounded, is in the hospital of the United States marines here.

Six Americans participated in the battle, operating rapid-fire guns. They escaped injury with the exception of one named Bashford, who received three bullets in the leg.

Only 500 Escaped.

Of Zelaya's army of 1000 men, but 500, on both sides, as before reported, numbered 800, and 1000 of the Government troops surrendered after a desperate resistance. Three Hotchkiss and four Maxim guns, 2000 rifles and a million rounds of ammunition were included in the booty.

Gen. Estrada professes to believe his march to Managua will be unopposed.

Bluefields and the neighboring county are delirious with joy. The victory is said to have been won on the very day scheduled for the inauguration of Dr. Madriz as President of Nicaragua in succession to Zelaya.

Gen. Luis Mena is again here. His troops arrived on the scene of battle when victory was in the balance, and turned the tide in favor of insurgents.

At the request of United States Consul Moffatt, Commander Shipley of the United States cruiser Des Moines sent his hospital squad ashore, establishing an independent hospital where 40 of the wounded are receiving care. The American medical men have been able to give their services to all who were in need of them.

The prisoners include Gen. Gonzales and Gen. Castrillo. Gen. Vasques, who was returning to Rama from Managua when hostilities began, did not reach the scene during the fighting. He was a few miles distant when the Government troops were routed and it is possible that some five hundred men escaped with him.

Number of Prisoners Are Boys.

After Zelaya's trenches had been shelled, they were taken by assault.

A large proportion of the prisoners were found to be boys under 18 years of age. They accepted defeat as though it were very welcome.

Gen. Gonsales, the vanquished leader of the Government troops, today shares the quarters of Gen. Estrada and is eating the latter's rations with great relish and smoking insurgent tobacco as though he enjoyed it.

The second day's fighting began at 9 o'clock in the morning. The first day's conflict had driven the enemy back to the main fortifications at the village of Recreo, where for three weeks they had been stringing wires and digging trenches.

The country in that vicinity had been partially cleared of underbrush, but it remains more like a jungle than otherwise. The position of the Government troops behind their embankments and barbed wire proved unexpectedly strong. However, provisionals, who believed they faced the oppressive rule of Madriz or, as the only alternative in the event of defeat, the humiliation of intervention by the United States, bore themselves with a show of valor that should relieve them from the charge of being comic opera soldiers.

The hundred dead and the 150 wounded gave the surviving insurgents something to think about.

Today widows and orphans may be seen wandering about the streets weeping. Yet no expression of regret is heard. The provisionals admit their heavy losses and estimate those of the enemy at about an equal number.

Gen. Chamorro, Gen. Diaz and Gen. Matery first faced the enemy. The two pieces and Blanco, upon which were mounted Hotchkiss guns, had buried in sand, steamed up a creek tributary to the Rio River, upon which the village of Recreo is situated.

For hours they shelled the village, the gunners maintaining great accuracy.

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CREECY WILL NOT LET JEFFRIES BOX AT THE COLISEUM

Police Chief Says Pugilist Will Be Arrested if He Puts on Gloves.

Chief of Police Creecy declared Friday that if James J. Jeffries, former heavyweight boxing champion of the world, attempts to give a sparring match at the Coliseum Christmas evening he will be arrested and charged with violating the anti-prize fight laws of Missouri.

"There will be no sparring exhibition at the Coliseum Christmas night," said Chief Creecy. "If Jeffries and his partner, or anybody else, put on boxing gloves in the Coliseum they will be arrested promptly. The promoters, participants, timekeepers and everybody directly and indirectly connected with the exhibition will be arrested.

"The Jeffries-Berger boxing bout, as advertised, is a clear violation of the Missouri statutes. I understand an admission fee is to be charged. The law specifically and emphatically forbids any boxing exhibition where an admission fee is charged, and I am going to see that the law is enforced.

"I have no right to interfere with private boxing bouts before clubs to which members only are admitted, but the Jeffries-Berger affair is a money-making scheme and I do not intend to permit it.

Holds Captain Responsible.

"I shall issue orders to the proper police captain to prevent Jeffries and Berger from putting on gloves and appearing in the Coliseum ring, and he will be held to strict accountability."

The little bit of boxing done by Jeffries and Berger in their show is a part of a vaudeville skit written for the two men. It is a gymnasium scene where Jeffries goes through various training exercises, finishing with three one-minute rounds of sparring with his trainer, Berger.

The promoters of the show did not advertise this as a boxing match, and did not consider it such. They declare it a part of the little play. For that reason they expected no interference from the St. Louis authorities.

Jimmy Callahan, one of the promoters, announced upon his first visit here, more than a week ago, that Chief Creecy had practically assured him there would be no police interference. However, he stated at the time that the little sparring part of the show could be cut out if necessary, though he thought the public would like to see just how Jeff looked with his hands up.

FATHER IS KILLED HURRYING TO SEE HIS NEW-BORN SON

Slips in Sleet and Falls Under Train Hurrying to Webb City, Mo.

WEBB CITY, Mo., Dec. 24.—Raymond G. Hodgson, formerly of Albion, Ill., a young lumber man of Afton, Ok., slipped on the sleet, fell under a freight train and was killed this morning while hurrying to Webb City in response to a message that a son had been born to his wife.

Mrs. Hodgson has been visiting her parents here.

BROKAW SEEKS RECONCILIATION WITH HIS WIFE

Tells Court All He Asks Is That She Cease Charging He Is Untrue.

HER BROTHER LAUGHS

Mrs. Brokaw, Suffering From Cold, Is Unable to Attend Trial of Divorce Suit.

Special to the Post-Dispatch.

MINEOLA, N. Y., Dec. 24.—W. Gould Brokaw on the witness stand this morning declared that he stood ready to effect a reconciliation with his wife and take her back to his arms, but there is nothing to the proposition. "I would take her back right now," he said, "if she would promise me that she would cease making charges about me and other women. I am sensitive and these charges hurt me. But I can't believe her. She tells me one thing one minute and another the next."

Mr. Brokaw came to the stand today with the speed notch of his recital let out. Mr. McIntyre indicated that he would be through with his direct examination before 3 o'clock, at which time the court indicated that adjournment would be taken for the day. Mr. Justice Putnam was disposed to look with favor upon the proposal of Artemus J. Baldwin not to begin his cross-examination until Monday morning.

Her Brother Laughs at Offer.

Mrs. Brokaw was not in court when the offer of a reconciliation was made. She is suffering from a severe cold. Bullard Blair, a brother of Mrs. Brokaw, was in court when the millionaire offered to take his wife back. The declaration seemed to amuse Blair and he laughed heartily. Brokaw appeared not to notice him.

"Did you ever charge your wife with trying to elope with Dr. Chipman?" asked Attorney McIntyre.

"No, I did not," Brokaw replied. "I told Dr. Chipman that he had no right to take my wife to New York. I told him that she was my wife and that I would have him arrested if he didn't allow her to continue with me in the be—"

"But did you not tell your wife that she believed she wanted to elope with Dr. Chipman?"

"No, I did not. I don't believe it possible. Dr. Chipman is too effeminate. He is more like a lady than a man."

Did Not Threaten to Kill Him.

The witness denied that he had ever threatened to kill Dr. Chipman.

"I did threaten to give him a thrashing, though, and he walked off in a hurry."

Explaining why he had smashed in the door of his wife's room, the witness said that every time he tried to talk to his wife about confidential matters the door was locked or she had either a nurse or a maid with her.

"When the maid refused to open the door, I called my secretary and we pushed it in," he said. "My wife was angry, but we soon made up."

A second door-breaking episode occurred at High Point. This time the witness said he smashed in the door because he feared his wife had made another attempt at suicide.

The defendant described how he pleaded with his physicians at High Point to allow his wife to visit him. The medical advisers told him that a quarrel would upset all the good that had resulted from the two months' rest Brokaw had enjoyed, but he said he was adamant and finally won out.

"For 10 days she was very loving and affectionate, everything was lovely," said Brokaw.

"Did you not send this telegram?" Mr. McIntyre asked, reading a message to Brown, the chauffeur: "Take Mrs. Brokaw for a drive in Mercedes. Don't stop anywhere."

"Yes; I did not want her to call on a lady to whom I objected," Brokaw replied, deftly disposing of one of the most damaging points against him.

Brokaw denied that he sent other telegrams because he was suspicious of his wife.

Firm Changes Name.

Laru-Althelmer Co., who control a chain of stores from ocean to ocean, have recently installed Mr. M Curry as manager in their East St. Louis store, 316 Missouri avenue, and have changed their name of store to the Home Credit Clothing Co., making the name similar to the St. Louis store which is located at 826 North Broadway.

The large number of stores which this concern controls enables them to sell goods on credit at cash store prices. Their policy is to refund money on all goods where the customer can purchase any article cheaper in cash stores. Their line of goods consists of everything to wear for man, woman and child, which practically enables them to clothe the entire family from head to foot.

LOUISE REFUSES RECONCILIATION

Leopold's Daughter Declines to Resume Place as Princess.

PARIS, Dec. 24.—A special from Brussels says that Louise, the eldest daughter of the late King Leopold, has left that city without effecting a reconciliation with her sisters and that King Albert's efforts to induce her to resume her place as a royal princess have failed.

For Christmas Presents.

You can make a present of real worth, of constantly increasing in value? A small cash outlay and you can make a present of a beautiful Diamond Solitaire or Cluster Ring. Liberal credit. Lesser & Kahn, 306 N. 6th St.

Why Do Rich Men Hurry So? To Give the Tax Man Dough!

Fierce Hand-to-Hand Fight Before the Insurgents Win

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Zelaya's troops frequently left the trenches and, advancing through the jungles, met the insurgents in hand to hand conflicts. These dashes were followed in each instance by a retreat to the trenches and a forward movement by the provisionals, who cut the wire entanglements with their machets. In these brushes many were killed or wounded.

Fought Like a Fiend.

Gen. Chamorro, who looks like a typical North American regular trooper, fought with frenzied vigor. Gen. Diaz disdained, as did Chamorro, to take to cover. Diaz walked erect amid a hail of bullets, directing the fire of his men, who, however, he insisted should keep under cover whenever possible.

When one soldier, enthused by the example of his commander, fought on his feet, Diaz turned his pistol upon the man and commanded him to get behind a stump.

Chamorro, who has been fighting for twenty years, is idolized by his men. He swore cheerfully when his troopers exposed themselves and good naturedly pushed them behind the cover of stumps and tangled underbrush. Chamorro was in active command of the battle. Estrada having merely laid out the general plan.

As the evening approached and the enemy still resisted after repeated assaults, the insurgents wavered from physical exhaustion, but their courage never failed.

But for the timely arrival of Gen. Mena, it is quite possible that the outcome of the battle would have been wholly different. Indeed, at one time the position of the insurgents was desperate.

Chamorro and Diaz had moved on the main fortifications at Recreo and Tatumbla Hill, and Mena was under orders to cover the lines of retreat from Recreo. Mena had moved up the Rama River, but his 600 men were weak from their march and failed to effect the expected junction with the other armies of the insurgents when the assault began.

They encountered roads knee deep with red clay and overgrown with tropical plants, through which they cut a way with their machetes, but their progress was slow. Chamorro became uneasy and dispatched a messenger with this urgent command:

"Come quickly or the day goes against us!" and the day was going against the provisionals.

The enemy fell on every side but Chamorro discerned that at best he was but holding his line. After dispatching the messenger to Mena he adopted the plan of repulsing the enemy when they left their trenches but without attempting a further advance.

Mena realized the situation and instead of satisfying himself by cutting off the possible retreat of the Government troops, pushed forward for an assault. How he and his 600 men got through the intervening two miles of brush the General has been unable since to explain. They seem to have rushed so desperately that they failed to realize the obstacles before them.

Gen. Chamorro had been fought to a standstill and his men were well nigh exhausted. Over the field telephone Commander-in-Chief Estrada was informed that the situation was desperate and that while his army was not defeated, victory was not in sight.

When the hour was darkest for the insurgents, cheers were heard and presently Gen. Mena and his scratched and bleeding men emerged from the jungle into the half-cleared plantation where the battle was being waged.

Charged the Hill.

Without stopping for orders, and yelling at the top of their voices, the reinforcing troops swept across the clearing to the rear of the enemy and charged the hill at a point where no machine guns had been placed.

The movement of Mena served as a signal for a general advance by the three armies of the insurgents. At a critical moment the insurgents swept up the hill in the face of a furious fire. Mena was the first to reach the summit. At his heels were his determined soldiers.

The defenders, depending on their rifles only, were unable to repulse the attackers. Suddenly abandoning their trenches, the Government troops fell back before Mena's men and charged the advancing armies under Chamorro and Diaz.

Mena pushed his attack on Gonzales' rear.

In 10 minutes it was all over, but in that 10 minutes heavy execution was done. Scores were killed outright and the wounded covered the summit of the hill. Hundreds of the enemy threw down their arms and begged for quarter. Gen. Gonzales, to save a needless slaughter, signaled that he surrendered. Nineteen hundred prisoners were taken.

2000 Prisoners Are Starving in Bluefields, Moffat Reports

By Wire From the Washington Bureau of the Post-Dispatch.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 24.—Consul Moffat cabled from Bluefields today:

"Two thousand starved and emaciated prisoners have been brought here from Zelaya's surrendered army. The sight of the sick and weary tottering through the streets is horrible. Half are mere boys.

"The emergency hospital established by the Des Moines and Tacoma contains 90 wounded and the City Hospital 60. Few of the surrendered army had shoes or blankets. Scores were almost naked and all are in a pitiable condition.

"Estrada is furnishing them with blankets, clothing, shoes and food as best he can. Flour, beans, rice, sugar, coffee and condensed milk are needed instantly to feed the starved Zelayan soldiers.

"Disease and death threaten unless they are properly given the best of food and care.

"The great and sudden demand for proper clothing and food for the suffering is a problem for the provisional government, whose resources are exhausted. Their own men, numbering 3000, are well fed and clothed, but they cannot find means whereby to care for their increased burden.

"I have discussed the seriousness of the situation fully with Capt. Shipley of the Des Moines and believe and suggest that a ship should be sent to Colon immediately to bring there sufficient quantities of the provisions enumerated to feed 2000 men for 30 days.

"The present situation threatens starvation and disease. It is estimated now that over 500 were killed, both sides."

Bluejackets from the Des Moines and Tacoma have been landed purely for police duty.

High Government officials say that for the proper protection of the people it unquestionably is necessary to send marines to Bluefields for the better preservation of order.

Thus the American protectorate over Nicaragua will begin on the Eastern shore through philanthropy and the Red Cross and in the Zelayan territory, which faces the Pacific, because of appeals for American intervention by natives and American citizens.

COMPOSER ASSERTS WIFE DROVE MUSIC OUT OF HIS SOUL WITH IRONS AND STOVEWOOD

Guiseppe Bufanno Declares in Divorce Suit He Was Forced to Become Menial.

It is impossible to write sweet, soul-stirring music with sticks of stovewood and flat-irons flying thick and fast around your head. F. Guiseppe Bufanno, musician and composer, placed this declaration on file in the archives of the courts Friday when he applied for divorce from his wife, Mattie A. Bufanno.

Bufanno belongs to a family long celebrated in the music circles of St. Louis. He alleges in his petition for divorce that when he sat down to write a piece of music his wife, like the farmer who used turf to drive a boy out of his apple tree, would first try the virtue of a stick of stovewood on his head.

If that failed to make him desist, he states, she would throw a smoothing iron at his head. If he still persisted in writing music she would kick him in the stomach and call him a "Dago."

This treatment, according to Bufanno, finally drove the music out of his soul, compelled him to give up composing, and forced him to accept "menial employment as a clerk."

The Bufannos were married June 28, 1905, and separated Oct. 28, 1909. Bufanno alleges that his wife had, besides her other failings, a violent temper and a jealous disposition, and accused him of showing attention to other women. He says she also threatened to shoot him.

Open This Evening Until 10 O'Clock.
JACCARD'S, Broadway and Locust.

OPERATED UPON 23 TIMES

So Accustomed to Surgery He Doesn't Mind It a Bit.

NEW YORK, Dec. 24.—Edward C. Brown, a retired sea captain, is a patient in a Brooklyn hospital convalescing after his twenty-third surgical operation in five years.

"I have become so accustomed to operations," he says, "that I don't mind them a bit. I guess they have become second nature to me."

The more serious operations which have been performed upon Capt. Brown were for appendicitis, cataract of the eye and removal of a kidney.

TOMORROW
Being Christmas,
Send in
Sunday Want ads
Today,
and save Xmas
Day from
Business worries.

Walter Williams to Speak.

Newspaper advertising will be discussed by Walter Williams, dean of the department of journalism at Missouri University, before the Advertising Men's League at the Mercantile Club Tuesday evening.

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This Cures Tobacco Habit

The following formula conquers the tobacco habit in any form so easily that it makes you wonder how you ever enjoyed it. Take this formula to Wolff-Wilson drug store and ask for Tablet Pulsatilo Compound No. 3344. It should cost about 90c or $1.00, including postage. Formula: P. E. Pulsatillo, 8¾ gr.; P. E. Valerian, 42 gr.; P. E. Gelsemium, 5¼ gr.; P. E. Gentian, 20 gr.; Powd. Golden Seal, 40 gr.; Mathyl Salicylate, 21 min.; Menthol, 2-5 gr.; Gluside, 21-50 gr.; Adhesive and base, q. s. Take as directed. This formula has over 3000 cures to its credit. It changes the taste for tobacco completely.

Court Dismisses One Indictment in Fortner's Trial

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ed. It was a well-laid plan to defraud this poor old Tulley out of the money which he had honestly made."

Fortner Smoked in Court.

William A. Fortner, real estate dealer, a cousin of Fortner, and the first member of his family to appear at the trial, accompanied Mrs. Fortner when she entered the courtroom. The accused man's wife, as usual, was clad in black.

When Fortner walked to the counsel table a few minutes later, he and his wife greeted each other affectionately. He was smoking a big black cigar. Just before court was convened Mrs. Fortner whispered to her husband. An instant later a bailiff touched Fortner on the shoulder, and told him to quit smoking.

Smiling broadly Mrs. Fortner said to her husband: "I told you so."

At the outset of the hearing the defense and the State formally announced that their evidence was all in.

Assistant Circuit Attorney Newton stated that the prosecution elected to send the case to the jury on the second count of the indictment, charging that Fortner "uttered" or passed a forged paper.

Judge Grimm then spent nearly half an hour examining the instructions suggested to him in writing by attorneys for the defense and for the State.

Witnesses for Fortner.

At Thursday afternoon's session Charles C. Petrie, an insurance man, was called as a character witness for Fortner. He was asked by Assistant Circuit Attorney Newton whether he had ever heard that Fortner committed forgeries prior to Feb. 11 last. After vigorous objections by Fortner's attorneys the witness was permitted to answer. He said that if he had ever heard anything of the kind he would not have done business with Fortner.

John M. Trendley of East St. Louis, testifying as a handwriting expert for the defense, gave testimony directly opposed to that given earlier in the day by Gus. V. R. Mechin, the State's chirographologist.

STEER CHARGES FIGURES IN HIS CONTRACT WERE ALTERED

F. A. Steer, president of the F. A. Steer Furnishing Goods Co., who was negotiating with Henry C. Tulley for the purchase of the Alice Apartments when his check for $12,000 was cashed just before the disappearance of M. Dwight Fortner, now on trial for forgery, told a Post-Dispatch reporter Friday that the figures in the original contract submitted to him by Fortner had been changed from $27,500 to $14,000.

This contract, Steer said, made it appearance in the trial Thursday night, when it was offered to Tulley for the purpose of identifying his signature. After identifying the signature, Tulley, according to Steer, discovered the change in the figures and called the attention of Assistant Circuit Attorney Newton to it. This contract was dated Jan. 13, and on that day, according to Steer, Fortner wrote to him that Tulley would exchange the apartments for Steer's property and $27,500, Steer to assume the mortgage of $37,000.

While eating his dinner Steer was called to the telephone and requested to go to the Four Courts to testify that the original contract was for $27,500 instead of $14,000. An objection was made to his testifying on the ground that the paper was not offered in evidence, but merely for the purpose of identifying the signature.

"I do not know who changed the price," said Steer. "Mr. Mechin, the hand-writing expert, held the paper to the light and showed me where the original figures had been erased. Of course, it is not reasonable that an offer of $27,500 of Jan. 13 would be reduced to $14,000 Feb. 4. If the original offer had been for $14,000 I would have and has been much appuo naohrdlu accepted it."

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Sale of These Stamps Will Aid Sufferers

Red Cross Christmas Stickers
ARE WEAPONS IN
Tuberculosis War

To raise money for aiding the fight against tuberculosis in St. Louis the St. Louis Society for the Relief and Prevention of Tuberculosis has placed Red Cross Christmas Stamps on sale at the Postoffice, Eighth and Olive streets and all the sub-stations, and at all the department stores, drug stores, banks, hotels, confectioners, haberdashers, millinery shops, and jewelry shops. The stamps are one cent each, and the fund realized will go towards establishing a free open-air camp for St. Louis consumptives.

If you buy a stamp you help just that much in relieving the suffering of some unfortunate person, and in bettering the sanitary conditions of your city.

Place a stamp on each of your Christmas packages and letters.

WAGON LOAD OF LIQUOR INTENDED FOR EVIDENCE IS STOLEN FROM KANSAS JAIL

GALENA, Kan., Dec. 24.—A wagon load of beer, whiskey and other liquors, seized in raid of the clubroom of the Fraternal Order of Eagles, was stolen from the City Jail early today.

The liquor was to have been used as evidence. But two empty beer kegs and an empty whisky barrel were left in the jail. Nobody could be found today who would admit he had any idea where the missing stimulants had been taken.

The empty barrels were empty when put in the jail. Only full ones were stolen. This exonerates the occupants of the jail, who were under suspicion at the time the theft was discovered.

The Chief of Police has a plan for discovering the culprits. He will have his men report on cases of extreme exhilaration observed Christmas, and persons who attained a great degree of joy in their own homes will be questioned.

SOCIETY WOMAN TAGS HORSES IN CHICAGO STREETS THAT ARE NEGLECTED BY DRIVERS

Special to the Post-Dispatch.

CHICAGO, Dec. 24.—Mrs. Frederick Packard, Chicago society woman, is making a novel attack on drivers and owners who mistreat horses. She is putting on bridle tags such as "Please shoe me," "Please take off wire harness," "Please fix blinders," "Please blanket me."

"All you have to do is to be nice to these men and they will be nice to you and do what you say," she said, "but it is getting too cold to stand around this way and wait for a driver to come out of a place, so that you can reason with him. That is why I have had these tags printed."

TEXAS CHIEF OF POLICE ASKS COWBOYS TO QUIT SHOOTING UP SALOONS CHRISTMAS DAY

ABILENE, Tex., Dec. 24.—Inasmuch as Christmas is a holy day, Chief of Police Clinton of Abilene thinks that celebrations should be befitting the occasion, and he has issued a declaration in which he cautions the cowboys to put their revolvers in the closets for that day.

He deplores the idea cowboys have long cherished that Christmas is the one day in the year when cowboys should sound their battle cry, do some extra rough riding and be otherwise cantankerous.

Among other things, Chief Clinton says: "The commemoration of the day should partake rather of the tenderness and ecstatic silence of old cathedrals than the noisy demonstrations of the streets."

Only One "Bromo Quinine"

that is Laxative Bromo Quinine. Look for the signature of E. W. GROVE. Used the World over to Cure a Cold in One Day. 25c.

TERMINAL TO PUNISH BUSCHES FOR THREATENED ENCROACHING

Switching Rates to Be Revised, Causing $300,000 Annual Loss to Road.

A campaign of reprisal against the Manufacturers' Railway Co., owned by the Busches, for planning to provide rival terminal facilities in St. Louis, is to be inaugurated by railroads belonging to the Terminal Association, according to rumors current Friday in railroad circles.

Punishment is to be administered, it is said, by so changing the system of paying for switching done by the Manufacturers' Railway as to cost it a loss of $300,000 annually. Heretofore the railroads have paid the Busch Switching Co. out of the through-freight rate charged from the point of origin to the point of destination. Hereafter, it is said, while the railroads will not decrease the through rate to the shipper, they will refuse to divide the rate with the switching company, which will be compelled to look to the shipper for compensation.

President George F. Moore of the Manufacturers' Railway said Friday that he had no official notification of the rumored attack.

"Switching tariffs in St. Louis were fixed by an act, denominated T. C. C., Interstate Commerce Commission, No. 671, in January, 1906," he said. "We would combat any attack on the existing switching tariffs by carrying the case before the Interstate Commerce Commission."

Happiness is cheap at any price. Buy a little by helping the Post-Dispatch Christmas Festival to give the poor some

FULL PERSONAL TAX RETURN TO ASSESSOR BY JAMES CAMPBELL

Cash on hand	$ 100 00
Cash in banks and other safe places	19,462 00
Solvent notes, unsecured by mortgage or deed of trust	140,000 00
Solvent bonds, State, county, town, municipal and incorporated and unincorporated companies	2,415,000 00
Pianos	500 00
Other musical instruments	100 00
Clocks	100 00
Watches, chains and appendages	150 00
Gold and silver plate	1,000 00
Household and kitchen furniture	2,500 00
Library	2,000 00
Paintings, statuary and bric-a-brac	3,000 00
Carriages, wagons, autos, etc.	1,000 00
Game table	50 00

WIDOW UNABLE TO CHOOSE BETWEEN TWO SUITORS ENDS HER LIFE WITH STRYCHNINE

Loved One Man, but the Other Exercised Strange Influence Over Her, She Wrote.

Unable to choose between two admirers, Mrs. Josephine Molli, a widow of Livingstone, a mining village 12 miles northeast of Edwardsville, concluded that suicide was the only way out of the dilemma. She ended her life with strychnine Thursday night.

In a letter Mrs. Molli declared that one of the aspirants for her hand exerted a "baleful influence" over her, so that she could not make up her mind to wed the other, although she loved him, she thought, more than the first. She said she was unable to decide to marry either man, and that death offered the only solution of her problem.

Mrs. Molli made elaborate preparations for self-destruction. She wrote her will, and addressed Christmas cards to half a dozen friends. Then she went to her bedroom, put on her best clothes and swallowed 15 grains of strychnine. She died in less than an hour.

Mrs. Molli kept a boarding house, at which Frank Lippan and Henry Mitteger, her admirers, lived. She owned considerable property, and this she bequeathed to Mitteger.

The will and note were written in German, the note being signed "The Unfortunate." Both were read at the Coroner's inquest.

Mrs. Molli had been a widow several years. She was 35 years old.

KANSAS BANK GUARANTY LAW IS CALLED INVALID

Judge Pollock of Topeka in Two Decisions Sustains Opponents of Plan.

By Associated Press.

TOPEKA, Kan., Dec. 24.—Judge John C. Pollock, in the United States District Court here today, declared the Kansas bank guaranty law to be invalid.

Judge Pollock granted two injunctions in ruling out the law. One case was that of Frank S. Larabee, a stockholder in the Exchange State Bank of Hutchinson, against the officers and directors of the bank and J. N. Dolley, State Bank Commissioner. Larabee's contention was that a stockholder in a State bank can object and prevent the participation of his bank in the guaranty law. Judge Pollock upheld this argument in every particular.

The other case was that of the Abilene National Bank against the Bank Commissioner and State Treasurer, on the ground that the State guaranty law is unconstitutional. Judge Pollock granted a temporary injunction in this case, holds the law inoperative and fixes a bond of $50,000 to be given by the bank pending the final disposition of the case.

THREATENS TO PROSECUTE RICH TAX DELINQUENTS

Brinkop Gives Them Until Jan. 3 to Swear to Personal Returns.

The names of 13 St. Louis millionaires, who have refused to make a sworn return of their personal property, will be presented to the grand jury unless they appear in person at Assessor Christian Brinkop's office in the City Hall before Jan. 3 and make the return as required by law.

Mr. Brinkop is closely guarding this slip containing the names of the millionaires, but it is reported at the City Hall that many of the richest men, financiers and captains of industry of the city are enrolled on the list. Mr. Brinkop will cite the law to the grand jury and request that such action as it deems advisable be taken unless the sworn returns are made.

The Assessor says all the men have been notified repeatedly to make their returns, and that so far they have ignored his demands. He reiterated Friday that they must come in or subject themselves to the penalties of the law.

Campbell an Example.

Mr. Brinkop points to the return of James Campbell, the multimillionaire utilities and railway magnate and broker, as an example of what may be accomplished when the men of wealth are required to make an oath as to the accuracy of their returns. Mr. Campbell increased the valuation of his personal property from $450,000 last year to $2,700,000, which means an approximate gain to the city in taxes of $20,000.

John A. Scudder, whose personal assessment last year was $20,000, called at the Assessor's office late Thursday and put in his property at $127,000.

In giving out the itemized statement of Mr. Campbell's assessment Mr. Brinkop said Friday that he did so reluctantly.

"I had no idea of keeping secret the returns made by the wealthy men of the city," said Mr. Brinkop. "I merely wanted to make it as easy as possible for them to comply with the law.

"I think, in withholding the returns, there is an element of public welfare in it, for the reason that it does not subject the taxpayers to needless and unpleasant publicity."

After a conference with City Counselor Walther, Mr. Brinkop decided that all tax returns filed at his office are public property, and as such, he has no right to withhold them from the public.

The itemized return of James Campbell shows that he has no horses, mules, geldings, asses, jennetes, neat cattle, sheep, hogs or other livestock. His fortune is principally tied up in stocks and bonds. He has no sewing machines or jewelry, no printing presses, type, surgical or operating instruments, no machinery tools or appliances or stock in steamboats.

The Assessor was somewhat interested in the gaming table listed at $50, but there was no designation as to whether it is a poker table or just a plain billiard table.

Besides his personal property Mr. Campbell listed 1100 front feet of real estate in St. Louis, including tracts in North St. Louis, on Cardinal avenue, in Forest Park and in the Catlin tract.

MAN IS KILLED BY A CAR

An unidentified man was killed by a westbound Alta Sita car at 12:35 a. m., Friday, on Broadway, between Fourteenth and Fifteenth street, East St. Louis. The car was in charge of Motorman Charles McAuliffe and Conductor J. C. Dolan. The man staggered into the street as the car reached the middle of the block, and fell across the track.

He was an American, 5 feet 6 inches tall; has gray eyes, gray hair, and a sandy mustache, and is apparently 55 years old. He wore a black overcoat, a sweater vest, a blue shirt and dark trousers.

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Because it removes the cause. We have not known a case wherein it did not succeed. But if it should not in your case, we will return your money. This is a genuine offer and should be accepted.

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Little Lessons in Publicity No. 6.

It's to YOUR interest to know about the value of Daily Newspaper advertising.

Like the nose on your face, it may be overlooked because of its obviousness.

Merely because some other form of advertising is urged upon you, is no reason why you should not have the best. Daily Newspaper advertising is not only the best, but the quickest, and time is money.

ALL ST. LOUIS HELPS MAKE MERRY CHRISTMAS FOR POOR

Post-Dispatch Festival Society Will Feed 20,000 With Bountiful Dinner.

10,000 RECEIVE BASKETS

Little Hearts Will Be Made Glad With Toys and Clothing at Coliseum.

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Mrs. A. J. Wagenman, Mrs. E. Jenks, Miss A. Anthony, Mrs. J. Magner, Miss Pearl Magner, Miss K. Thompson, Mrs. Tillie N. Gast, Mrs. Lewis W. Harper, Mrs. Fred Caro, Miss H. Levy, Mrs. J. E. De Lang, Miss Edna Lortz, Miss Mabelle Vogel, Mrs. Alfred Roth, Mrs. F. E. Conrad, Mrs. E. M. Guenther, Miss Mabel V. Meier, Miss Annie Huesman, Mrs. H. W. Sicher, Miss Bettye Cohen, Miss E. P. George, Miss Edith George, Miss Julia Schwartz, Mrs. F. A. Young, Mrs. T. L. Horn, Mrs. Mary Castle.

Sheriff in Charge.

Sheriff Louis Nolte and Edwin Nolte were in general charge, with the police squad, of the men's part of the work. William Wrausmann, in his shirtsleeves, was the busiest man in the room after the rush began. It was his duty to receive the postal cards from each applicant, tear out the middle as a check for the food delivered, and hand back the return car ticket.

Other men who worked in handling the heavy baskets and trucks and aided in other ways, were George Diepenbrock, Charles Falk, Ed Carroll, George Walker, Emil Kemmler, Frank Strassmer, M. A. Rollins, Tony Williams, Fred Thies, Louis Schneider and Henry Vahling.

The generosity of the poor to each other had striking examples in the cases of several persons who, having received two postal cards through unavoidable duplication in the lists, voluntarily returned one of the cards, that the extra portion might be given to someone who had not received a card.

One woman who had thus received two tickets brought them in, saying: "I've been a little better off this year, and I'll have a pretty good dinner anyway." She insisted on returning both cards, and Mrs. Sippy was thus enabled to supply the needs of two women, admitted at about that time, who had received no cards.

2100 Chickens Included.

The supply on hand at the Kinloch Building included 2100 chickens, 24 barrels of candy and a pound of coffee, sugar and the other commodities for each of the 1634 baskets.

Arrangements for the big Coliseum festival on Christmas day are complete. As has been announced, the dinner will be served at noon, but the festival will begin at 10:30 a. m., with a concert by the Industrial School boys' band. The 36 long tables at which dinner will be served are grouped about the Christmas tree, and the distribution of gifts to children will both precede and follow the feast.

SCENE IN THE COLISEUM WHILE SOCIETY WOMEN WERE BUSY PACKING BASKETS FOR THE CHRISTMAS FESTIVAL

CHRISTMAS FESTIVAL FUND CONTRIBUTIONS

On behalf of 20,000 of the poor who will be your guests at the monster party to be given on Christmas day the Post-Dispatch Christmas Festival Fund gratefully acknowledges the following contributions:

Previously Reported $5317 92
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NEW CONTRIBUTIONS.

Employes of Famous ...	$114 15	Mildred Raymond Richard	1 00
List No. 9426..	1 00	C. H. Fischer	1 00
List No. 8252..	1 15	Buster and Mary Jane..	41
Hough Metal Co., List No. 1597	25 00	M. E. B.	50
Walter Fink	2 00	Tom	1 00
Employes of Booher, Epors & Goodbar Hat Co., List No. 1408	10 85	No Name	80
Stupp Bros. Bridge & Iron Co., List 1179	10 00	Eight Little Friends	80
A. S.	5 25	Howard S. Holmes	15 00
A Reader	10	C. C. C.	50
H. C. Straube	50	L. D. C. and L. D. C.	2 00
Fred A. Wulfmeier	10	C. Montague..	2 00
C. E. F.	25	A Reader	50
J. H. B.	25	A South Side Lady	2 00
J. F. N.	25	No Name	1 00
A. E. B.	25	No Name	1 00
F. Hartman..	25	E. F. Stinde..	1 00
A. B. Barret..	5 00	M. Kotany	5 00
No Name	1 00	W. Engelbrock	5 00
Cash	3 00	No Name	1 00
Candy Box	1 00	Mrs. M. Lesser	2 00
Chas. L. Hall..	5 00	H. F. O.	25
Walter Jr. and Helen Morgan	50	No Name	10
K. T. Z.	20	E. D.	1 00
Francine and Agnes Price.	60	T. B. Boyd Fur. Goods Co., List No. 8021	10 00
The Levy children	1 00	Employes of Drosten Jewelry Co.	18 45
Mrs. H. N. Hudson	5 00	Mrs. T. S. Bowman	1 00
T.	2 00	Harold Johnson	1 00
M. I. S.	1 50	E. Rowan	5 00
Cash	1 00	Cash	1 00
R. Brookings.	25 00	R. L. G.	50
J. H. Lenhart.	50	Harold and Ruth Becker	50
S. B.	25	Cash	1 50
Raymond and Charley Bohn	25	Willie K.	10
W. K. Bixby.	20 00	Cash	25
Lenore and Vashte Crouch	1 00	Cash	50
E. M. C.	50	Mrs. J. Gard..	1 00
Cash	10	Cash	1 00
Cash	2 00	Mrs. E. Barthels	2 00
Mrs. E. Barthels	2 00	J. F. Adams.	2 00
Baby Vera Geisel	1 00	M. H. W.	1 00
Mrs. M. Morris	50	Cash	5 00
Mr. Anderson.	5 00	Little Welsbecker	1 25
J. H. S.	1 00	Paul Bakewell.	5 00
Jack Thornton & Co.	30	Belleville	25
A. M. B.	25	H. & H.	25
Texas	25	Otto Mueller ..	1 00
Cash	1 00	Oscar & Ralph Nieman	1 00
E. Schroeder	25	Mrs.C.D. Wells	1 00
W. Schroeder.	50	George S. and Little Sisters	25
Samuel Cupples Envelope Co.	10 00	A Friend	10
Employes Luyties Pharmacy Co.	5 00	Lynn Kerns ..	50
Ethel Greene.	1 00	? & ?	1 00
C. H. Huttig.	25 00	Cash	1 00
Cash	1 00	No Name	30
St. Louis Octaira Hill Butzee	1 00	Master Earl Dunmeyer ..	1 00
W. L.	2 00	Mrs. H.	2 00
Mrs. T. Howard	25	No Name	20
W. L.	2 00	Mrs. H. B. R.	25
Mrs. Knaust ..	1 00	Mrs.L.D. M. F.	1 00
Mrs. Lafser ..	1 00	Clarence, Edna & Cora Voss	50
L. F.	25	No Name	1 00
Cash	1 00	M. Elisabeth J.	5 00
Ethel Calliott.	10	J. Redler	30
E. C. B.	1 00	Cash	1 00
No Name	50	Ethel Calliott.	10
Alyffe N. Brown	20	E. C. B.	1 00
Vera Sawyer.	25	No Name	50
Mrs.I.Soloman	1 00	Alyffe N. Brown	20
A Friend	25	Vera Sawyer.	25
Chas. R. C. ..	1 00	Mrs.I.Soloman	1 00
Isabel C.	50	A Friend	25
Josie H. C. ..	50	Chas. R. C. ..	1 00
M. A.Bejeman	1 50	Isabel C.	50
No Name	25	Josie H. C. ..	50
No Name	1 00	M. A.Bejeman	1 50
Cash	25	No Name	25
Mrs. Jos.Lang	20	No Name	1 00
B. Weinrich..	2 00	Cash	25
D. D. C.	1 00	Mrs. J.S.Klein	5 00
Mrs. J.S.Klein	5 00	J. A.Smith Jr.	2 00
J. A.Smith Jr.	2 00	Mrs. C. L. D.	20
Mrs. C. L. D.	20	Miss Schenk..	1 00
Miss Schenk..	1 00	W. H. Morgan	5 00
W. H. Morgan	5 00	A. H.	25
A. H.	25	Hodiamont Car Station	12 00
Hodiamont Car Station	12 00	Easton Car Station	6 40
Easton Car Station	6 40	J. A. D.	1 00
J. A. D.	1 00		

List Collected by Dr. J. P. Menistrina, Assisted by Antonino Scialda.

Dr. J. F. Menestrina	$ 5 00	Dr. Max Stone.	1 00
P. Cella	1 00	P. Coppolino...	1 00
Lorenzo Capone.	50	Ferdinand Perrico	50
Sebastina Gambino..	25	Pietro Carcinalla	25
Vincenzo Sanna.	1 00	John Romeri....	25
Pelazzolo Giuseppe	25	Geralono Patritte	1 50
A. Porta	1 00	J. Bottinelli...	1 50
Frank Anselmo.	25	J. A. Ferralis...	1 50
Katie Lombardo.	25	Battista Bonsani	50
Vincino Bommarito	25	D. Russo.....	50
Pusterare Raphael	5 00	Tom Gates	1 00
Vaccaro Paperat	1 00	Anton Bukman..	50
Tony Costa	1 00	A. Lombardo & Co.	1 00
V. Sabvagzi	1 00	Michael Beelo..	50
Ravinia Freschi.	1 00	A. Gilbert & Son, List No.	
Chas. Mercurio..	50	449	7 55

Ninth Ward Democratic Club, Lemp and Arsenal Sts., List No. 7570.

Kinney Wm. J.	50	Heins Harry ..	10
Felker Alb.	25	Mehle Emil ...	10
Pfeffer Paul ..	10	Werner Chas. ..	10
Hoffner Nick..	10	Werner Fred ..	10
Schwer Theo. ..	10	Schaefer Alb. ..	10
Lyons John	10	Kraus John	10
Buesche Edw. ..	10	Kraus Joe	10
Williams Jno. ..	10	Wagner Nick..	10
Brown Rob.	10	Beckley Clem..	10
Volz Bis	10	Wagner Otto ..	10
Burke Fred	10	Baals Geo.	10
Meyer Edw.	10	Reed Wm.	10
Covey Levell ..	10	Planer E.	10
Meeder Fred	10	Ebenrich Joe ..	10
Spinner Louis K.	10	Maurer Edw. ..	25
Wunsch Philip..	10	Solari Herm...	10
Seeklame Rob. ..	10	Kuuper Jake ..	10
Graf Fred	10	Buckowitz Jake	10
Miller Nick	10	Wolf Vin C. ..	10
Fox Wm.	10	O'Rourke Herm.	10
Moriarty Ed....	10	Klaus Jake	50
Seckley Jake ..	10	Haberkorn Chas	10
Dalton Ruth ..	10	Schnepf Jake ..	10
Linsir Wm.	10	Wunsch Roy	10
Byrne Jos.	10	Buckowitz Jake Jr.	10
Buesche Fr'k ..	10	Cummings Pat D. O.	25
Ruf Wilhelmina	10	Scheller John Sr.	10
Schutter Wm..	50	Wilbernauer Herm.	25
Flannigan Chas	10	Roberts Edw..	10
Deubir Joseph ..	10	Mathers John ..	10
Menke Anton ..	25	Seier Emil	10
Jones Wm.	10	Stieschitz Con..	50
Ward Peter	10		
Gehl Christ	10		
De Kock Edw..	10		
Hamper Val	10		
Wolf Joe	50	Total	$8 77

Fredi Baehr, 1403 Market St., List No. 2001.

F. Bachs	$ 25	A. R. Guenzler..	25
A. Fritz	25	J. S. Heinroth..	25
C. P. Lewis....	25	T. N. Kendall..	25
R. P. Wiggins	25	R. Henderson ..	25
F. Miller	25	J. E. Youngblood	25
F. E. Aubucon.	10	G. Weston	25
I. M. Wiggins.	25	W. W. Taggart	25
C. Fulton	25	W. W. Radler..	25
J. B. Wulff....	25	G. W. Wulff..	25
J. W. Morrill.	25	G. W. Wulff..	25
W. K. Hedges..	25	C. J. Guth....	25
G. H. Tahrans	25	M. Stubblefield	25
J. C. Douglas..	25	W. Carrall	25
J. Reynolds ..	25	Cash	25
A. C. Magnussen	25	J. Link	1 00
J. L. Johnson..	25	A. Steck	25
J. H. McFall..	25	M. J. Sullivan..	25
C. E. Booth...	25	J. Anheuser..	25
F. Tice	25	G. Hatch	25
C. W. Sherwood	25	J. W. Wilshive	25
J. C. Turrell..	25	Mrs. Ash	25
A. Kadderly ..	25	Mrs. Judkin....	25
J. R. Francis..	25	J. G. Hyms	25
R. Graham	25	F. J. Moore....	25
W. Hays	25	W. M. Mitchell	25
J. P. Galloway	25	A. Ulrick	25
M. F. Zielinski	25	G. R. Berger..	25
C. W. Shenck..	25	P. Myers	25
E. Williams ..	25	Thomas Crour..	25
D. Sheedy	25	F. A. Robbs....	25
J. W. Coleman.	25	Mrs. Bachs	25
G. W. Moore ..	25	G. F. Coleman..	25
J. J. Lannahan	25		
F. C. Purschell	25	Total	$17 10

Cabanne Station Postoffice, List No. 3457.

B. L. Garland..	$ 25	F. Weigel	25
J. J. Collins..	25	A. G. Hitchcock	25
C. A. Koch....	25	F. C. Heltzig..	25
J. Grau	25	J. Barke	25
E. J. Metzger..	10	Cash	25
N. J. Onan	25	C. W. Jennings	25
J. Y. Cassidy..	25		
J. F. Hansen..	25	Total	$3 75
J. T. Coleman..	25		

Kohler & Romer, 304 Carleton Bldg., List No. 12,317.

Kohler & Romer.	$2 00	Morris Sacks ..	25
E. F. Schneider	50	Tony Pecorraro	25
Joseph Rachetta	25	J. Musiali	25
Wm. Yanda Jr.	25	Ernest Schulz..	25
Mike Drda	25	G. Manzo	25
Wm. Novak	25	Jos. Novak	25
Jos. P. Mayer..	25	E. Touzinsky ..	25
F. Oldewagge..	25	Anton Selm	25
Jos. Langmeier.	25	Aisle Mason	25
L. F. Henick..	25	F. Blaziyousky.	25
Jim Snider	25	Mr. Moskowitz..	25
M. Brabo	25		
Steve Brod	25	Total	$8 25
Wm. Cizek	25		

City Forester's Office, List No. 10,435.

Cash	$1 00	Cash	10
Cash	50	Cash	25
Cash	25	Cash	10
Cash	10	Cash	25
Cash	10	Cash	25
Cash	10		
Cash	10	Total	$3 05

Assessment of the Revenue, City Hall, List No. 10,407.

C. Brinkop..	$1 50	E. D. Chamberlain	25
L. Wollbrinck..	50	R. A. Turner..	25
Jas. P. Riley..	50	C. S. Hunter..	25
Cash	25	R. J. Mitchell..	25
H. O. Wyant..	50	Jos. Bozdech ..	25
Jos. L. Devoy..	50	O. Soatmann...	25
M. Cooke	50	H. Kauffold ..	50
W. J. Mockler..	1 00	H. H. Schmale..	25
James Durbes..	50	Otto Greiner...	25
John Kline	50	W. P. Etling..	25
Ben Mersman ..	25	John C. Hyde..	25
P. H. Ritter...	25	W. Brinkop	50
M. J. Hannon..	25	R. F. Hoffman..	1 00
H. Kraemer ...	25	M. E. Gardner..	25
A. Ballman..	25	A. P. Teichmann	25
John Kern	25	C. W. Krueger..	25
Henry Kropp...	25	G. F. Schlingmann	25
T. J. Gannon..	25	E. Joerding	25
Ferd Boehlan...	25	G. Stevenson ..	25
Robt. Hager ...	25	E. A. Lueke....	25
R. E. Moore...	25		
E. H. Maune..	25	Total	$15 75
J. M. Nelson..	25		
H. H. Schumacher	25		
F. P. Harris...	25		

Employes of Lion Brand Overalls Co., Union Made, 717 & 719 Lucas Av., List No. 12,407.

Cash	10	Tilla Henke ...	10
L. Koen	10	Michallszky	10
E. Berkowitz..	10	Antonio Zeltz ..	10
Cash	10	Cash	10
Cash	20	Cash	10
Cash	05	F. N.	10
Cash	05	Cash	10
Cash	10	Cash	10
Emma Gerardi ..	25	Cash	10
May K. Walsh..	10	Cash	10
Cash	10	Cash	05
Fannie Reswick	10	D. Roberts	25
Minnie Emde ..	10	Leon	25
Pauline Verling.	10	Chas. Showman	25
Marie Lang	10	Henry	25
Cash	10	J. Britenbach..	05
Cash	10	Kate Hansen...	10
Cash	10	M. Cash	50
Mrs. J. Walles.	25	T. Cash	70
Nellie Zolman..	10	W. Cash	10
Ida Cagle	10		
Kate Murphy ..	10	Total	$6 20
Della Hilliker..	10		

Engine Co., No. 22, List No. 8309.

J. Angelo	$ 25	T. T. Roland..	25
Cash	25	Peck	25
R. Fleming	25	W. A. McKenzie	25
W. Carpenter..	25		
Mf. Kern	25	Total	$2 25
W. Ebmeyer	25		

Engine Co. No. 6 and H. & L. Co. No. 3, 12 N. Ninth St., List No. 8310.

C. Toussaint ..	$ 25	Joe Brewer	25
J. Miller	25	Wm. J. Murphy	25
J. McNulty ..	25	M. Waters	25
J. Myrer	25	W. J. Howe	25
J. H. Schmidt.	25	Chas. T. Money	25
D. Timpius	25	P. McCarthy ..	25
E. G. Sedivec.	25	J. Mahen	25
R. L. Knox	25	John Dwyer	25
W. Koughlin ..	25	R. G. Wildman	25
S. Smith	25	T. Coleman	25
R. Finley	25	W. Ploeger	25
E. Neemeberry	25		
T. Callahan ..	25	Total	$6 00

Employes of St. Louis Terra Cotta Co., List No. 1249.

G. W. Mueller.	$ 50	Geo. Diehl	25
Ben Volz	50	Jno. Williams..	25
Wm. Hoftmann	50	John Hruby	50
W. P. Morgan.	50	M. Richard	25
H. G. Houlihan	50	R. Williams	25
Aug. Schweitzer Jr.	50	A. Gerawaldy..	25
W. Kaltenbach	50	Geo. Isaac	50
T. Williford ..	50	Geo. F. Heckt..	1 00
F. C. Schneider	1 00	Frank Barr	50
Alex Volz Jr..	50	Paul Herold ..	1 00
Jno. Volz	50	P. Rista	25
P. Schweitzer.	50	P. Botina	25
F. Schnitzer ..	50	Serona Angelo.	25
F. Wagner	25	Louis Merta....	25
F. Labitske ..	25	Angelo Morta..	25
F. Schweitzer Jr.	25	Red Joe	25
A. Steimel	25	C. Garrianna..	25
Oliver Welch ..	50	L. Felix	25
Robert Dowd..	25	S. Barratti	25
W. Glaus	25	Fred Jacobs....	25
Frank Wagner	25	Chas. Columbo	25
Evan Hughes ..	25	No. 1	25
Wm. Eckert	50	Joe Pezonia....	25
Frank Ray	50	Jim Carney	50
Thos. Edwards	25	Wm. Mullough	25
Ed Eckert	25	Thos. Hefele....	25
G. Eckert	50	A. Jordan	25
Wm. Kirby	50	E. Calcatero..	25
M. Hughes	50	Tom Genella..	25
L. Calcatero..	25	Geo. Felix	25
R. Duncan	50	L. Calcatero..	25
Barney Quinn.	50	R. Branawalsky	25
Albert Schuh..	50	John Fourer....	25
Frank Grosch..	50	A. Columbo	25
C. Labitske ..	50	J. Schweitzer..	25
Robert Blower..	1 00	J. Sabbelly	25
Wm. Johnson ..	25	Pete Columbo..	25
John Brady	50	Tony Pete	25
Geo. Richards..	50	Louis Tidenia..	25
Geo. Hruby	50	Martin Fehey..	25
John Casabeli..	25	Chas. Boer....	25
James Mather..	50	Fred Treede....	25
Jas. O'Toole ..	25	G. Williams ..	50
Jarme King	25	L. Marianna..	25
Peter Smith ..	25	M. R. Lewis..	50
A. Armstrong..	25	John McAnnar..	25
John Myers....	25	H. Wagner	50
Chas. Columbo	25	P. Ferris	25
Fred Wellbrook	25	Chas. Schweitzer	50
Peter Fuchs....	25	Angelo Cooke..	50
Samuel Glass..	25	A. Columbo....	50
John Miller	50	F. Schmidt	25
James Quinn..	25	F. Schweitzer..	25
S. W. Dunn....	50	Robert Schuh..	25
Wm. Messenger	50	C. Brosatti	25
E. Messenger..	50	Berbella	25
Chas. Hefele..	50	D. V. Smyth ..	1 00
F. Valentine..	25	R. F. Grady....	5 00
F. Diefenbach.	50	Wm.	50
A. J. Monarch.	25	Total	$49 00

Fire Department, Engine Co. No. 16, List No. 8207.

M. Doran	25	W. Vollner	50
H. Schultz	25	E. Alt	25
B. Brueggeman.	25		
T. R. Flowers.	25	Total	$1 75

H. & L. Co. No. 4, 417 S. Broadway, List No. 8306.

J. Ogulin	$ 25	J. Dunn	25
J. Healy	25	J. E. Trefz	25
J. McCoy	25	W. B. Koeln..	25
W. Wendt	25	W. Drain	25
H. Braun	25	W. Busch	25
M. Welsh	25		
W. Krause	25	Total	$3 25
L. Randolph ..	25		

The Model, List No. 8391.

W. Madden ..	$ 25	O. Naloner	25
Cash	10	J. B. Loftus ..	25
Cash	10	Jos.	25
J. Hughes	10	Chas. Dicks ..	25
Cash	10	F. Peter	25
A. Friend	10	J. D. Bruns ..	25
A Friend	10	W. Radler....	25
A. Winer	10	Gus Hess	25
S. Schultz	1 00	H. A. Rinkel..	25
Cash	25	H. Fleming ..	25
Jenkins	25	Jutewart	25
L. Holdner	10	Linn	25
L. Pollack	10	E. Gustafson ..	25
J. Flyn	10	Costello	25
Mrs. Morgan ..	10	Wiltenstein ..	25
Mrs. Nagel	10	Ahlefeldt	25
Mrs. Kaufman	10	Oleis	25
Mrs. Tobias ..	10	Kahre	25
S. C. Krams..	25	Nelig	25
Ellis	25	H. J. Abrams.	25
L. Thallmer ..	25	Max Weil	1 00
Lee Wolff	25		
C. Hambright.	25	Total	$10 65
G. H. Price ..	25		

Meyer's Saloon, Broadway and Potomac. List No. 7596.

F. F.	$1 00	M. Weil	15
J. H. Norris ..	25		
A. Meyer	25	Total	$1 90
H. Oehler	25		

Cash, St. Louis(Mo., List No. 10,013.

Cash	$1 00	Cash	15
Cash	$1 00	Cash	10
Cash	50	Cash	10
Cash	$1 00	Cash	25
Cash	$1 00	Cash	25
Cash	25	Cash	10
	25	Cash. Gibson.	10
Cash	0	Cash.	25
Cash	25	H. W. Nordmyer	10
Cash	25	Cash.	10
Cash	25	Cash.	10
Cash	25	Cash.	10
Cash	25	Cash.	10
Cash	25	J. C. T.	10
Cash	25	Cash.	25
Cash	10	F. H. A.	25
Cash	25	F. W. Foster..	25
Cash	25	S. W. Graves..	25
Cash	10	J. U. Horne..	25
Cash	25	Cash.	15
Cash	10	Cash.	25
Cash	10	Cash.	15
Cash	10	Cash.	25
Cash	10	Cash.	25
Cash	10	Cash.	25
Cash	10	Total	$13 00

List No. 9674.

O. J. N.	$ 25	Mc. M.	25
Cash	25	J. H. H.	25
L. E. M.	25	J. U. T.	25
C. G. H.	25	P. T.	25
C. A.	25	P. E.	25
J. R. S.	25	N. J. W.	25
M. H. B.	25	Cash	25
W. A. H.	25	Cash	25
A. S. N.	25	Cash	25
A. P. S.	25		
J. E. S.	25	Total	$5 00

E. C. Van Nort Electric Co., List No. 5788.

E. C. Van Nort		F. J. Swartz...	50
Electric Co....	$1 00	D. Morgan	50
E. C. Van Nort	50	H. Fuerborn ..	50
E. C. Van Nort Jr.	50	Total	$4 00
J. W. Jones..	50		

Engine Co. No. 5, List No. 7817.

P. J. Doyle ..	$ 25	C. Schunbusch ..	25
F. Ryan	25	D. Deering	25
H. Steinhoff ..	25	J. Ott	25
C. H. Koester	25	Shively	25
F. Martin	25	Cash	25
H. Roekling ..	25		
D. McCarthy ..	25	Total	$3 25
Chas. Finbe ..	25		

Sanitary Division of the Health Dept., List No. 2884.

G. A. Jordan..	$1 00	Cash	25
Gus Wessels ..	50	L. A. Reifsinn	25
Cash	25	F. H. Mulhall..	1 00
Cash	25	John M. Hear..	25
M. J. Casey ..	25	J. F. Lingner..	25
Jno. Flinn....	25	W. A. Shaw....	25
Cash	25	Cash	25
Cash	25	Cash	25
Cash	25	Cash	25
Cash	25	Cash	25
Cash	25	A. H. Lawrence	25
Cash	25	Cash	25
Cash	25		
M. C. Woodruff	25	Total	$9 50

Morris & Co., Employes, 312 S. 21st Street, List No. 6878.

B. J. Lederer..	$1 00	Mr. Dehl	50
B. Savignac Jr.	50	R. J. Helfrick	25
J. Wheeler	25	Kennelley	25
Roy Picon	10	O. McConnell ..	25
Jim Spalding ..	25		
Jim Seaman ..	10	Total	$3 45

M. K. & T., Genl. Frt. Office Clerks, List No. 12,003.

Cash	$ 25	Cash	25
Cash	25	Cash	25
Cash	25	Cash	25
Cash	25	Cash	25
Cash	25	Cash	25
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Cash	25	Cash	25
Cash	25	Cash	25
Cash	25	Cash	25
Cash	25	Cash	25
Cash	25	Total	$6 50

M. S. Good & Co., List No. 7289.

A. F. Israel..	$ 25	Lee Nolte	25
M. T. Buchser..	25		
D. M. Hoskin..	25	Total	$2 00
M. S. Good ...	1 00		

Mound Bruner, U. S. Postoffice, List No. 4937.

H. K. Pritchard..	$ 50	A. T. Michel..	25
C. W. Witte	50		
A. C. Nolde	25	Total	$1 75
W. S. Richmond	25		

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PEARY RECORDS NOT TO BE SENT TO COPENHAGEN

Members of Geographic Society Think Submission Would Reflect on Them.

By Wire From the Washington Bureau of the Post-Dispatch.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 24.—Officials of the National Geographic Society do not favor the submission of the Peary records to the University of Copenhagen for further review. There is a shade of professional jealousy in this attitude, for the Geographic Society thinks that such a suggestion is a reflection on their own competence if not their honesty.

The more important reason for their opposition to such a course is the fact that their own review of the Peary data, although thorough, was but the preliminary to the exhaustive study of Peary's facts and figures, which will be made shortly by the United States Coast and Geodetic Survey. This will be official O K on Peary, or the reverse, should the Coast Survey experts find flaws in his work.

Chairman Gannette of the special committee that reviewed the record of Commander Peary said today: "Nothing can be gained by submitting Commander Peary's data to the University of Copenhagen."

Admiral Chester, also a member of the committee, said: "It would be absurd to have Peary voluntarily submit his data to Copenhagen. I can't believe that the university authorities would think of asking for permission to examine the records."

Mr. J. Howard Gore received today a cablegram stating that the Copenhagen University board had forwarded its report to the National Geographic Society.

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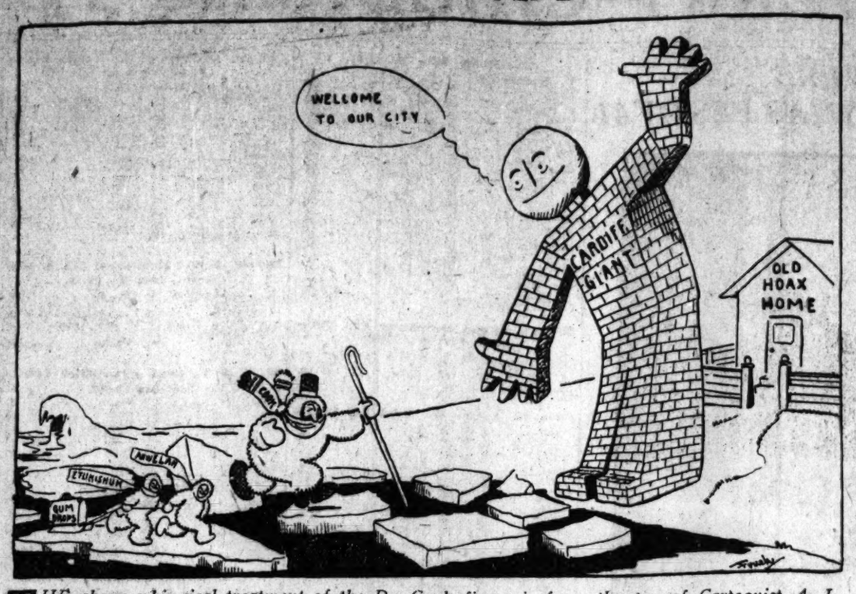

THE above whimsical treatment of the Dr. Cook fiasco is from the pen of Cartoonist A. L. Frueh, whose work in the Post-Dispatch has made him well known among St. Louisans. Mr. Frueh, who recently returned from a year's vacation in Europe, has joined the art staff of the New York World and his cartoons will continue to appear in the Post-Dispatch from time to time.

TURKEYS FOR CHRISTMAS ARE SCARCE AND HIGH

Several Grocers Are Selling at 25 Cents, but Best Fowls Bring 27.

Turkeys for the Christmas dinner are scarce and high. They were retailing at grocery stores throughout the city at an average price of 27 cents a pound Friday. There is prospect of a shortage in the supply, which may cause even higher prices by Saturday.

One large grocery store, with several branches in the residence districts, paid 27 cents a pound wholesale for turkeys Thursday to fill orders taken at the same price. A few grocers are selling turkeys at 25 cents, and some are quoting them at 24, but for anything like a nice, fresh turkey, the price is not less than 27 cents.

Fair Sized Bird for $5.40.

The epicure who happens to want a 20-pound turkey for his Christmas dinner will have to pay $5.40 to his grocery. A real nice 25-pound turkey can be had for $6.75.

The price of everything that goes with the turkey dinner is also high. Butter is selling at 42 cents a pound, and at least a pound will be required for cooking and table use for the Christmas dinner. A dozen eggs will be needed for various delicacies, and they will cost, if they are fresh, 38 cents. You can buy the storage eggs for 28 cents, but you are taking the risk of half of them being bad and the other half tasting flat and stale.

If your Christmas appetite can be satiated with a nice, fat goose you can cut the dinner bill down a little, for geese are retailing at 16 cents a pound. Chickens, which are considered fairly good food by some persons, are selling at 16 cents, while the grocers are quacking the price of the homely old ducks at 23 cents a pound.

Cranberries Reasonable.

You can buy two fairly respectable bunches of celery for 25 cents, but if you must have the finest drawn celery, the price for two bunches goes up to 40 cents. Cranberries are reasonable at two pounds for a quarter.

Holly, mistletoe, evergreens, and such things as custom demands for Christmas decorations, are all sky high. You can buy a few sprigs of holly for a dime, but a nice wreath will cost you 15 or 20 cents, while evergreen Christmas bunting is selling at 10 cents a yard. You can buy a Christmas tree from 25 cents to $5.

AVERAGE CHRISTMAS DINNER COSTS $5.54

THE cost of the Christmas dinner for a family of five persons, with the present high prices of turkeys, eggs, butter and other things needed to round it out, will be a little more than $5. When your Christmas dinner bill comes in from your grocer it will read something like this:

Turkey, 12 pounds, at 27c	$3 24
Butter, 1 pound	42
Eggs, 1 dozen	38
Celery, 2 bunches	25
Cranberries, 2 quarts	25
Sundries for cakes, pies, etc.	1 00
Total	$5 54

TAFT TO BE ALLOWED $5000 A YEAR FOR BOX IF OPERA IS ESTABLISHED AT CAPITAL

Congressmen and Others Are Anxious That Hammerstein Build Washington Theater.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 24.—Grand opera as a permanent winter establishment at the capital seems to be assured, according to a report current among members of the smart set. It is said that Oscar Hammerstein, at the time of his visit here last week, was assured by Washington's millionaires of yearly subscriptions that made it advisable for him to get an option on ground on the West side of Connecticut avenue, between K and L streets. This plot, improved by one-story structures, is held at a relatively low price, considering that it is in the heart of the city's residential section.

Among the men who are said to be interested in this innovation are Perry Belmont, with a yearly subscription of $20,000; Thomas F. Walsh, $10,000; John R. McLean, $10,000; Edson Bradley, $10,000; Senator S. B. Elkins, $5000 Senator Chauncey M. Depew, $5000; Gen. William F. Draper, $5000; Mrs. Mary Scott Townsend, $5000, and many others, whose subscriptions range from $2000, the lowest sum for a season ticket to a box, to $5000. The amount reported pledged is more than $100,000, while Hammerstein wants $200,000 to guarantee his immediate expenses.

One report which the smart set is discussing is that an attempt will be made, through Congressmen who are personally in favor of grand opera, to allow $5000 a year to the President for a box.

Mission by Redemptorist Fathers.

The Redemptorist Fathers will hold a mission next week at the Old Cathedral, beginning with high mass Sunday at 10:30 a. m. The attendance of Catholics and non-Catholics is solicited. Seats will be free during the week.

MYSTERIOUS AIRSHIP FLIES OVER 2 STATES

Flying Machine Believed to Be That of W. E. Tillinghast of Worcester, Mass.

Special to the Post-Dispatch.

WILLIMANTIC, Conn., Dec. 24.—Shortly after 7:30 o'clock last night when the Christmas shopping trade was crowding the streets of the city, there suddenly came from the east a large searchlight.

As it approached the city it grew larger and larger, and attracted much attention.

When over the southeastern part of the city it came to a standstill, and then performed a number of evolutions.

Business was at a standstill for a while. Every eye in town was directed to the eastern sky.

For a few minutes the big light stood still, then its rays were thrown to the north, and remained there for a few seconds. Then there was a sudden turn to the west. Then the rays were thrown east, and for a few seconds the light revolved as though its director was looking for something.

Light as Big as a Bucket.

In a few minutes the light which looked as big as a bucket came forward a little and there could be seen the outline of something trailing behind.

"Tillinghast's airship," was the outcry that came from everyone.

The airship with its dark outline suddenly started upward and after a few seconds it came down again. It hovered over the city for about fifteen minutes and then turned eastward, starting in the direction of Boston.

It is generally believed here that the airship was that of Wallace Tillinghast of Worcester.

The visit of the airship caused great excitement and at midnight several hundred people were still in the streets waiting for its return.

Seen Over Several Towns.

BOSTON, Dec. 24.—The mysterious airship that has been seen by many persons over various parts of Massachusetts, with a searchlight throwing a glare ahead and red tail lamps at the rear, was seen again last night sailing about over Marlborough and adjacent towns, its black shape plainly visible against the moonlit sky.

After hovering over Marlborough the ship headed to the eastward and was seen by many people in Ashland, South Framingham and Natick.

In Worcester it is pretty generally agreed that the airship is the one told of by Wallace E. Tillinghast several weeks ago and which has since been reported in several places, always on nights when the Worcester man was away from home.

Machine Clearly Outlined.

LYNN, Mass., Dec. 24.—An airship passed over Lynn, Salem and several neighboring towns last night between 6 and 6:30, where there were many hundreds of factory employes on their way home from work. One of Lynn's principal streets was lined with people, who were directing their gaze at the mysterious object in its flight through the sky.

Although the moon was hidden behind clouds, the light made it possible to clearly outline the machine. No one was able to distinguish how many were on board.

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BOOTH'S LEADING WOMAN DEAD

Phosa McAllister, 58 Years Old, Succumbs in West.

LOS ANGELES, Cal., Dec. 24.—Mrs. Harry Duffield, known on the stage for many years as Phosa McAllister, is dead at her home in Glendale.

For several seasons she was Edwin Booth's leading woman and played with him in New York and on the road. Mrs. Duffield was born 58 years ago at Stoneham, Me.

MOORE CROWD GETS CONTROL OF THE LEHIGH

This Deal Means an Alliance With the Wabash and Another Trunk Line.

BEGUN TWO YEARS AGO

Stock Held by the Reading, Lake Shore and Lackawanna Roads Bought.

By Leased Wire From the New York Bureau of the Post-Dispatch.

NEW YORK, Dec. 24.—The Moore-Reid clique, which virtually owns the vast Rock Island railroad system, it is learned on the highest authority, has acquired control of the Lehigh Valley railroad.

This means, according to Wall Street calculations, an alliance between the Lehigh Valley and the Wabash, control of which is known to be in hands friendly to the Moores, and the formation of a new trunk line from New York to Chicago.

Carrying out these deductions still further, men who are supposed to know see in the friendly attitude of Edwin Hawley toward the Moores and Hawley's known interest in the Denver & Rio Grande, which in turn controls the Western Pacific, the establishment of a new transcontinental line between New York and San Francisco.

These who do not go so far as that declare they detect in the recent developments in connection with the Wabash, Western Maryland and other Gould roads incontrovertible evidence of the decision of the Goulds to drop their long and ruinous fight against the Pennsylvania Railroad and the great Wall Street banking coterie behind that corporation, and to retire gracefully from the eastern railroad field, in which they promised once to become a powerful factor.

Campaign Began in 1907.

The Moore-Reid party began its campaign for the Lehigh Valley soon after the panic of 1907. At that time the control of that company was divided between the Reading, the Delaware, Lackawanna & Western, the Central Railroad of New Jersey, the Erie and the Lake Shore & Michigan Southern.

The holdings of the Lake Shore, Reading and Jersey Central amounted to $8,300,000 out of a total of $40,324,000. The exact amount held by the Erie has never been revealed. It is said to have been about $2,000,000.

Yesterday all those holdings had passed into the control of the Rock Island management, and with the strong position of Judge Moore in the Delaware, Lackawanna & Western, of whose stock it is known he is one of the largest individual owners, the fate of the Lehigh is acknowledged to be in his hands.

Deal Made a Year Ago.

About a year ago it became known that the Reading, the Jersey Central and the Lake Shore had disposed of their holdings in the Lehigh. At that time the identity of the purchasers was not revealed. Later it was ascertained that the stocks had been bought by the Rock Island folk and that the price had been about $100 a share for the holdings of the Reading and Jersey Central and the lowest quotation of 1909 for those of the Lake Shore.

Subsequetly the Erie parted with its Lehigh stock at about the same price as that which was paid for the Lake Shore's, it is said, and again the Moore-Reid interests were the purchasers. Since then there have been many purchases in the open market, until the Rock Island people had acquired more than the 30 per cent interest which Harriman once held, which held as a unit, gives control of any road.

At the annual meeting of the Lehigh company on Jan. 18 Judge William H. Moore, Daniel G. Reid and E. S. Moore, will be added to the directorate of that corporation in the places of Robert C. Lippincott, George H. McFadden and Irving Stearns, who, it is understood, will retire.

Young Rockefeller in Wabash.

Another important development from a stock market point of view in connection with the transfer of control of the Lehigh, will be the listing, it is believed, of the stock on the New York Exchange. At present Lehigh is listed only on the Philadelphia board. In that market yesterday the majority of the purchases of the stock were said to be for the account of the Moore-Reid crowd.

So far as the Wabash is concerned it is believed that control is practically in the hands of John D. Rockefeller Jr., who is known to be on very close terms with Judge Moore. Mr. Rockefeller's stock, it is said, is being held in trust for him by the Farmers' Loan and Trust Co.

The Goulds hold a 22 per cent interest in the road but it is understood they have given an option on that to the banking house which recently took up the financing of their Missouri Pacific.

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TAFT HAS PENSION PLAN

Favors Retiring About 2000 of Uncle Sam's Employes.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 24.—Pensions for superannuated persons in the Government service have been practically agreed upon by President Taft and the members of the Cabinet. They will use every effort to prevail upon Congress to adopt such a measure.

There are several bills before Congress providing for this. About 2000 of the 170,000 persons in the classified service are eligible for retirement.

OCEY SNEAD WAS "DOPE FIEND" IS MARTIN DEFENSE

Attorney for Accused Mother Says Bath Tub Victim Used Morphine.

By Associated Press.

NEW YORK, Dec. 24.—Was her own constant use of the hypodermic needle the cause of Ocey Snead's death? Col. Robert J. Haire, counsel for Mrs. Caroline B. Martin, the bathtub victim's mother, brought this question to the fore today as he was preparing to appear in court for the third hearing on the cases of Mrs. Martin and Mrs. Snead, whom the New York authorities are holding pending extradition to New Jersey.

Col. Haire declares he has evidence to show that the young woman was what is known in the popular vernacular as a "dope fiend."

"By that I mean," said the attorney, "that she used drugs, chiefly morphine, for nearly two years before she died. I have learned this from talking with her mother about the case.

"The hypodermic needle was used upon her when she was seriously ill," continued Col. Haire, "and after that its employment was constant. She tried to stop the habit and would resist for long periods. Then would come another spell of illness and the temptation to gain relief was too great for her to resist. She would go for days and days without food, living on morphine. I am convinced that it was in this condition that she destroyed herself."

Col. Haire said this would be Mrs. Martin's defense to the charge of murdering her daughter.

It was expected that the two women held by the New York authorities would be sent back to the Tombs after today's hearing to await the further steps of the New Jersey authorities in extradition proceedings.

Trinity Church, Channing and Franklin; choral mass Christmas eve at 11:30 o'clock; Christmas day, low masses at 7 and 9 o'clock.

POLITE THIEVES SEND SAFE BACK

Newspapers Told Them It Contained Nothing of Value.

CHICAGO, Dec. 24.—"The nicest robbers we ever had dealings with." Is the verdict in Oak Park on the thieves who moved a safe from the store of G. A. Scales last Saturday. Mr. Scales received the safe by express, the charges being prepaid.

"There were a few marks on the door," said Mr. Scales, "but otherwise the safe was all right. Papers published the fact that the safe contained keepsakes and papers of value to me, but worthless to any other person, so I think the thieves were polite enough to send my property back when they found they could get nothing for it."

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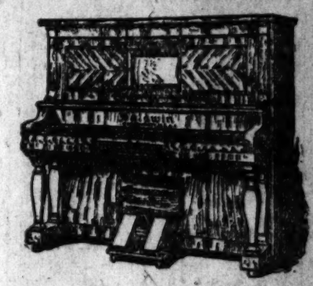

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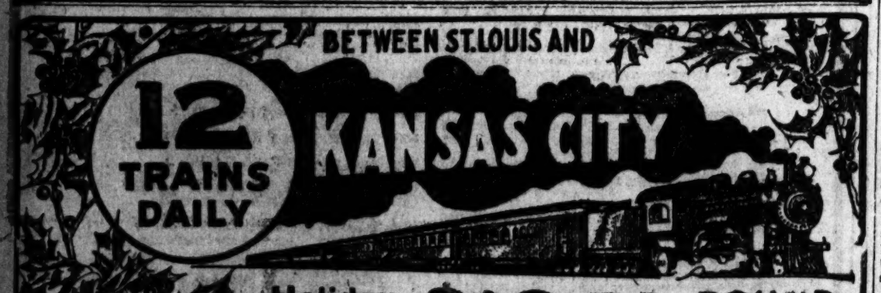

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FULLBACK FOR CENTRAL HIGH HELD AS THIEF

Ledrue Nece Admits Having Taken Overcoat Belonging to Fellow Student.

MARRIAGE IS DISCLOSED

Prisoner Refuses to Tell of Girl He Says He Married Two Years Ago.

Ledrue Nece, 18 years old, a Central High School student, fullback on last season's football team, was a prisoner at the Dayton Street Police Station Friday, charged with the theft of a fellow student's overcoat. To a Post-Dispatch reporter he admitted having taken the coat, and having worn it to school, after having some alterations made by a tailor.

"I took it because I needed an overcoat, and didn't have the money to buy one," he said.

The youth, whose arrest has solved a school mystery of nearly two months' standing, is the son of F. A. Nece of 2619 Lafayette avenue. He is in the junior class. When the usual question, "married or single," was put to him at the police station, he astonished his questioners by replying, "married." He said he had been a husband nearly two years. He refused to answer further questions about his marriage, or to say where his wife was. His father said he knew nothing of the youth's marriage.

Complaint was made to the police by the school authorities Nov. 3 that Stewart Southworth's overcoat, valued at $20, had been stolen from his locker, also that another coat of smaller size and lesser value, with a cap, was missing.

A few days ago some of the boys noticed that Ledruce Nece was wearing a long overcoat of the same texture and pattern as the one lost by young Southworth.

On information they got from other students, the policemen asked Nece for his football suit, the property of the school athletic association. He admitted, his questioners say, that he had sold the suit to a student of another school and pocketed the money.

The arrest was made at 4 p. m. Thursday, and the pupil was a holdover prisoner all night. It was said Friday that Stewart Southworth was not disposed to aid in prosecuting the prisoner.

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SOLVING OF NAME-TANGLE SPOILS BIGAMY CHARGE

Charles Seiter, Who Married, Comes to Rescue of Charles Seiter Imprisoned.

POLICE ARE SATISFIED

Accusation Made in Belleville Warrant Expected to Be Withdrawn.

There are two Charles Seiters, and each of them has a wife, as each of them has a right to have, and neither of them has two wives, as alleged in a Belleville warrant, and therefore the bigamy case against Charles Seiter goes to pieces.

Charles Seiter of 4220 Evans avenue, in a cell at police headquarters, was waiting at noon for an officer to come from Belleville to take him there to answer to the charge of having married Miss Clara Kirstein Nov. 24, when he had a wife and two children at O'Fallon, Ill.

Charles Seiter of 1315 Lynch street arrived ahead of the Belleville officer. He was considerably excited. He had heard that a man had been arrested on the charge of marrying Miss Clara Kirstein. Up to then he had supposed that he was the only man who had ever married Miss Clara Kirstein. If she had another husband he wanted to know about it.

Real Husband Appears.

"I want to see the man who is charged with marrying my wife," he demanded of Assistant Chief of Detectives McCarthy. "He never did anything of the kind. I am the husband of Clara Kirstein, and I'm the only husband she has, you bet. I want to say, too, that I'm not a bigamist. I have one wife, that's true enough, but I haven't two."

He manifested so much anxiety about his own matrimonial status and that of his wife that McCarthy urged him to be calm. He reiterated that he was Charles Seiter, that he was married Nov. 24 to Clara Kirstein, that she was the only wife he ever had, and he didn't believe she ever had another husband. But he wanted to see the fellow under arrest and find out for sure.

The other Charles Seiter was brought up from below, and McCarthy asked him how he would like to meet Clara Kirstein's husband. He said he would rather meet Clara Kirstein's husband than Santa Claus, or something to that effect.

"Well, shake hands with him then," said McCarthy and he introduced Charles Seiter to Charles Seiter. They shook hands and Seiter thanked Seiter for coming to his rescue. The Belleville authorities will be notified that they have made a mistake and probably will withdraw the warrant.

Picture Causes Trouble.

It is up to Justice Ward and Marriage License Clerk Charles Kaufman to take another look at the photograph of Charles Seiter, husband of the O'Fallon Mrs. Seiter. When they looked the other time they said it was surely the photograph of the man who married Clara Kirstein, and on the strength of their identification Magistrate Evans issued a warrant.

Seiter was arrested as he was leaving his home in the automobile of Mrs. C. A. Battle of the St. Regis, for whom he is chauffeur.

Seiter was married five years ago to Miss Maggie Miller of O'Fallon. They have two children. They separated a year ago. Seiter says he not only has not married again but he loves his wife and children and would be living with them if it were not for his wife's family. He blames wagging tongues for his arrest. Neighbors, he said, saw in a newspaper the marriage license of a man whose name is the same as his and ran with it to his wife.

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KING ALFONSO TO UNDERGO ANOTHER OPERATION AT ONCE

Condition of His Majesty Causes Great Concern in Court Circles.

PARIS, Dec. 24.—The Gil Blas today prints a private communication from Madrid, stating that the condition of King Alfonso has created the gravest anxiety in court circles. Another operation is imperative.

Under the guise of departure on a hunting trip in Andalusia His Majesty will go to the palace of the Countess of Paris at San Lucar, where the operation will be performed.

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LAMBERT BOY HOLDING HIS OWN

Lad's Vitality Sustains Him After Two Operations.

George Lee Lambert, the 4-year-old son of Albert Bond Lambert of 16 Hortense place, was still in a critical condition at noon Friday at St. Luke's Hospital. The boy, whose remarkable vitality has held him up under a series of attacks of bronchitis and appendicitis, shows no improvement, but is holding his own.

The child was just recovering from bronchitis when appendicitis developed. Dr. Harvey G. Mudd, M. B. Clopton and W. F. Kier performed an operation last Sunday and another Tuesday.

A 5-cent investment in Piper Heidsieck chewing tobacco will put you in touch with the finest article made. Try it.

MAN WITH FOUR BABIES PURSUES WIFE IN STREET

Demands Arrest for Desertion and She Tries to Have Him Held by Police.

The east end of Washington avenue was crowded before noon with Christmas shoppers. Suddenly there appeared among them a middle-aged woman, with hair disheveled, running westward as fast as she could and crying at the top of her voice: "Stop that man."

Hotly pursuing her was a man a few years older. In his arms he carried a 2½-year-old boy, while at various distances behind him came three other small children. At the top of his voice he cried: "Stop that woman."

"Arrest that man," she commanded. A moment later the man ran up: "Arrest that woman," he demanded.

The man was Walter E. Rife of 1816 Coleman street; the woman was his wife, Cora, and the children were their own.

Hundreds of shoppers gathered on the street corner to see what would happen when the man and woman each appealed to the policeman. Rife and the children retreated to the sidewalk while Policeman Glasgow talked a moment with Mrs. Rife. The policeman walked over to Rife and asked him why he was pursuing the woman.

Tears Fill His Eyes.

"Because she is my wife, and has deserted me and my children," he said. "I want her to come home and spend Christmas with us. I have bought toys for the children, but" —

Tears began streaming from his eyes.

"But it is hard," he sobbed, "for a man to play Santa Claus to four babies, and take care of them besides."

Policeman Glasgow went back to Mrs. Rife and told her he could not arrest her husband, as he had a right to follow her. She turned, with her mother, and darted into the crowd, and hurried west on Washington avenue.

WEDDED 69 YEARS; HAD NO SPAT

Kirksville Couple Declare They Never Quarreled.

KIRKSVILLE, Mo., Dec. 24.—Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Sheeks of Kirksville, 88 and 89 years old, respectively, today celebrated the sixty-ninth anniversary of their marriage. They were married near Huntsville, in Randolph County, in 1840, and went immediately to housekeeping in a cabin built by the bridegroom.

Mr. and Mrs. Sheeks declare that they never quarreled, and it is to this fact that they ascribe their long wedded lives.

A merry Christmas To all. Father John's Medicine

AGONY OF ECZEMA BEYOND WORDS

Whole Body a Mass of Raw, Torturing Humor—Hair All Fell Out and Ears Seemed Ready to Drop Off—Clothing Would Stick to Bleeding Flesh—Hoped Death Would End Fearful Suffering.

CASE SEEMED HOPELESS BUT CUTICURA CURED HER

"Words cannot describe the terrible eczema I suffered with. It broke out on my head and kept spreading until it covered my whole body. I was almost a solid mass of sores from head to foot. I looked more like a piece of raw beef than a human being. The pain and agony I endured seemed more than I could bear. Blood and pus oozed from the great sore on my scalp, from under my finger nails, and nearly all over my body. My ears were so crusted and swollen I was afraid they would break off. Every hair in my head fell out. I could not sit down, for my clothes would stick to the raw and bleeding flesh, making me cry out from the pain. My family doctor did all he could, but I got worse and worse. My condition was awful. I did not think I could live, and wanted death to come and end my frightful sufferings.

"In this condition my mother-in-law begged me to try the Cuticura Remedies. I said I would, but had no hope of recovery. But oh, what blessed relief I experienced after applying Cuticura Ointment. It cooled the bleeding and itching flesh and brought me the first real sleep I had had in weeks. It was as grateful as ice to a burning tongue. I would bathe with warm water and Cuticura Soap, then apply the Ointment freely. I also took Cuticura Resolvent for the blood. In a short time the sores stopped running, the flesh began to heal, and I knew I was to get well again. Then the hair on my head began to grow, and in a short time I was completely cured. I cannot praise Cuticura enough. I wish I could tell everybody who has eczema to use Cuticura. My condition was so terrible that what cured me cannot fail to cure anybody of this awful disease. If any one doubts the truth of this letter, tell them to write to me. Mrs. Wm. Hunt, 135 Thomas St., Newark, N. J., Sept. 28, 1908."

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NOMINATION OF DICKINSON ENDS LONG DEADLOCK

Love Feast Follows Naming of Henry County Man on 675th Ballot.

Special to the Post-Dispatch.

BUTLER, Mo., Dec. 24.—C. C. Dickinson of Clinton, Henry County, was nominated for Congress by the Sixth District Democratic convention on the 675th ballot shortly before 1 o'clock this morning, after a deadlock that began with the convening of the convention Tuesday. If elected he will succeed the late David A. De Armond.

The final session was marked by bitterness between the warring factions, but when the result was announced a love feast followed. J. W. Suddath of Johnson County, who received 32 votes to Dickinson's 42 on the last ballot, moved to make the nomination unanimous.

An enthusiastic scene followed, all of the delegates and rival candidates joining in cheering the nominee. Senator Dickinson and the three men who had opposed him—Suddath, J. H. Hargis of St. Clair and C. F. Newman of Dade—all made speeches. The united Democratic support of the district was pledged Dickinson.

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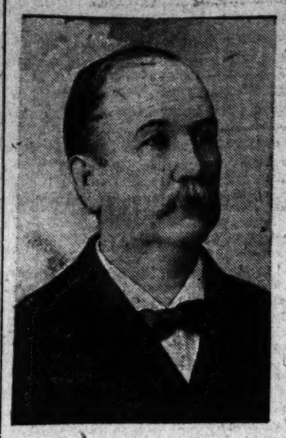

C. C. DICKINSON.

SOCIETY NEWS

THE college set home for the holidays, the younger girls and boys, were entertained Thursday evening by Mrs. Henry Flad in honor of her granddaughter, Miss Marian Howard. Christmas greens and smilax decorated the entire lower floor and ballroom, where there was dancing after an informal reception.

Mesdames Charles Van Dyke Hill, Leon Gale, Kenneth Green, Frank P. Hayes and Elisha Scudder Jr. served as chaperons at the second dance of the season given the Junior Imperial Club at Mahler's, under the direction of Mr. Mahler.

The Misses Zoe and Clara Provenchere, assisted by Mrs. Felix Provenchere, will give a tea at their home Monday.

Miss Dorothy Samuel will be guest of honor at an entertainment given for the Cinderella Fortnightly at the home of her mother, Mrs. W. F. Samuel, 3515 Lafayette avenue, Monday evening.

Mrs. L. L. McCoy and Mrs. James MacNish of 3623 Washington boulevard have sent out cards for a bridge whist, in honor of Mrs. Speight of Texas, next Friday afternoon.

A pretty wedding was performed at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Kroup of 1211 St. Ange avenue, when their daughter, Louise Irene, was married by the Rev. Elles of St. Marcus Church to Edward Brock of St. Louis. Rudolph Brock and Miss Margarette Kroup were attendants. The house was decorated with palms and American beauties. Mr. and Mrs. Brock departed for their home in California.

Mrs. Arthur Gale will give a dancing party Friday evening in honor of her young daughter, Miss Margaret Gale, and Miss Carol Miller, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Gilliman Miller, at her home, 4301 West Pine boulevard. The affair will be a domino party and many unique features and decorations have been planned. The party is for the school and college set.

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Eisteddfod Christmas Day.

The St. David's Benevolent and Choral Society of Granite City will hold its third annual Eisteddfod Christmas day at the Polish-American Hall, 1940 Cass avenue, St. Louis. This will be the first Welsh Eisteddfod ever held in St. Louis. The afternoon session begins at 2 o'clock and the night session at 7.

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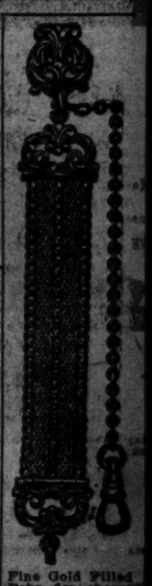

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ST. LOUIS, Mo., May 21, 1909.

State of Missouri, City of St. Louis, } ss.

Personally appeared before me, a Notary Public, in and for the City of St. Louis, Mo., W. C. Steigers, Business Manager of the St. Louis Post-Dispatch, who deposes and says that the regular editions of the St. Louis Post-Dispatch for the first four months of the year 1909, after deducting all copies left over unsold, spoiled in printing and unaccounted for

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Average Sunday Gain of - 8,465

Over the corresponding period of 1908; and further that the sales of the Post-Dispatch in the City of St. Louis exceed by many thousands the number of homes in St. Louis. W. C. STEIGERS, Business Manager.

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 21st day of May, 1909.
(Seal) ADOLPH B. SCHMID, Notary Public, City of St. Louis, Mo.
My term expires March 18, 1913.

BRINKOP'S SECRET RECORDS.

The value of the personal property of citizens for purposes of taxation is apparently a matter between Assessor Brinkop and the individual taxpayers. To his solicitude that the total sum of the city's revenue be as near as possible what it should, Mr. Brinkop adds solicitude for the secrecy of the records of his office. He declared that wealthy men should be protected from publicity.

Someone should take Mr. Brinkop aside and assure him of his error. These records are not only public, but they are matters of great public concern. What our rich men acknowledge they possess is of general interest. Secrecy will be as bad in taxation matters as concealment of property. Publicity is the demand of a sound public policy. It would be interesting to know what provision of law it is that Mr. Brinkop considers his authority for refusing the public access to public records.

The Corn Belt Meat Producers' Association has sent President Taft copies of the resolutions it adopted at Des Moines condemning a central bank, the tariff, ship subsidies and the restriction of the powars of the Interstate Commerce Commission. Congress should forbid disturbing the President at meal time.

IMPROVEMENT OF MANNERS.

President Hill's attempt to reform and improve manners at the State University has not been abundantly successful if the revamped college song to which he objected is an example of the new code.

Rules imposed by authority may compel good manners when the authority is present and active. But in its absence manners are apt to be the outward visible sign of an inward condition of will, intellect and emotions. If that condition is one of dignity, self-respect, kindliness and a bias toward the finer things of life, manners will correspond. They will be good manners. But if the mind and character are raw or underdone, nothing but bad manners can be expected.

In all beyond the broader, coarser aspects of the question it is a matter of taste or feeling, not of morals, and good taste can hardly be imparted by instruction or precept. It must be imbibed from the surrounding social atmosphere. It may be impossible to correct a boy's manners by rules or precepts or punishment because the roots of character are not reached by such means. But let him be brought within the circle of people devoted to what is right and true, gentle and kind, manly and self-respecting. He will respond to such an influence if he is capable of responding to anything. And he will acquire the reticence and dignity of manner characteristic of manly men, that is, of gentlemen. Improve the man; manners will take care of themselves.

That doctor down in Buffalo who prayed the Lord to forgive women for painting their faces and wearing false hair doubtless meant well; but he is now busy praying that the women may forgive him.

CANADA'S EXAMPLE.

Reports from Ottawa are to the effect that during the ten months ending with October, 9919 Americans made homestead entries in Canada. The estimate is that the total number for the year will exceed 11,000. Along with this steady stream of American settlers in the Dominion goes an equally steady stream of American capital. We are helping to build up the big domain to the north of us with both men and money; and perhaps it will not be long before the number of Americans settled in Canada will exceed that of Canadians in this country.

While there is nothing in this drift of men and money to Canada to excite our jealousy, there is one feature of Canadian progress that will surely hurt our trade unless we are wise enough to match it by an equal progress on our side. Not content with the railways and the canals that already facilitate commerce between her wheat fields and the sea, Canada is preparing for enlarging her existing waterways and for constructing new ones. When completed, the Canadian canal, lake and river route will be a competitor for American as well as for Canadian trade between the whole Northwestern country and foreign nations.

It will be well for Congress to bear that fact in mind when it comes to consider our waterways problem. In the face of the foresight and the energy Canada is showing in this matter, we cannot afford to rely wholly upon nature and the gifts of heaven. If we wish the preservation of our trade we must establish a vast inland waterway system of our own.

Among the throng of distinguished citizens who are now demanding that Peary "tell it to the Danes" is Admiral Schley. Perhaps he would like also to have their judgment on the Santiago affair.

MONEY TRUST THREATENS.

The City National Bank of Dallas, Tex., has bought the $875,000 of Dallas County 4 per cent bonds which the Equitable Life Assurance Society of New York refused to purchase. This refusal was explained by the statement that New York financiers had boycotted Texas securities in retaliation for drastic life insurance laws and regulations.

This was both a frank and an unprecedented assertion of power by the Money Trust. The situation is one the whole country may well heed. Our banking system with its reserve requirements causes money to flow in a steady stream toward New York. There it passes into the control of a comparatively small number of men bound together by strong ties of self-interest Needless to say, this centering of wealth carries with it a vast power, which, we learn positively now, will be exerted to stay the progress of reform as understood by the people of the various states and may be exerted to stay any progressive movement not approved by the money oligarchy of the metropolis.

Many civic and commercial bodies in the West have already expressed hostility to the present banking system, inclination toward postal savings banks and opposition to financial centralization through the medium of a central bank. This opposition is crystallizing and financial boycotts against states will stand as a demonstration of the sound logic on which it is based.

Nor will the West remain idle under the circumstances. It is financially too strong and temperamentally too independent to remain submissively at the mercy of the hide-bound financial manipulators of the East. It produces enough wealth to meet all its own requirements for improvements. It may insist on handling the wealth it produces.

Now that Congress is idling, Speaker Cannon might explain why he demanded no investigation of his justly celebrated tale of a bribe.

SLANDERING ST. LOUIS.

The San Francisco Call, in an effort to arouse public indignation against alleged shortcomings in the street car service of that city, recently quoted a certain "C. H. Stoddart of the Frank A. Munsey Co.," as saying: "In no other city, with the exception of St. Louis, have I seen such Noah's arks; such dirty and disreputable street cars."

Concerning that statement it is not necessary to say many things, but it must be said that the gentleman quoted has either seen very few cities, or else he is of the tribe of those who in the fluency of their loquacity sometimes say the thing that isn't so.

We hold no brief for the street railway company of this city. We do not assert that all street cars in service here are as good as the public has a right to demand. We do assert, however, that many of our street cars are excellent and none are so old, or so dirty, or so disreputable as some of the cars on the horse car lines still running in New York, or some of those in use on certain lines in Chicago. We say nothing of San Francisco, for the people of that city have the street cars they voted for when they voted down the graft prosecution, and should be careful how they talk of them—or of others.

Speaking of Ballinger, any member of the Senate can tell the difference between conservation and conversation with one hand tied behind him.

SENATOR SPOONER'S REGRET.

Speaking in the freedom of a complete retirement from political strife and with the wisdom of ripened years, ex-Senator Spooner recently declared at a New England banquet that he regrets having voted "for some of the laws on account of which men and corporate entities are being prosecuted, who do not know what the law means, or whether they have violated it or not."

Coming from a man eminent both as a lawyer and as a statesman, the confession is curious. How did it happen that Senator Spooner and his colleagues enacted a law so worded that no one can understand it?

At the time our anti-trust laws were under consideration the Senate was noted for the number of eminent lawyers among its members. Sherman, Edmunds, Evarts, Thurman, Hendricks, Hill, Morgan, Dawes, Allison and Teller, as well as Spooner himself, had a part in the discussion if not in the framing of the bill afterwards known as the Sherman anti-trust act. The Supreme Court itself has not on the bench a man more learned in the law or in the legal significance of words. That they should have enacted a law no one can understand is certainly a thing to be regretted; but it is also a thing to be explained.

An insurrection is a rebellion, a rebellion grows to a revolution and a revolution becomes a patriotic uprising against tyranny, and that's where Zelaya comes in.

WHAT IS WHISKY, AGAIN.

President Taft is said to be studying an enormous mass of documentary evidence and testimony bearing on the question, "What is whisky?"

What was whisky in the good old times before the markets were flooded with fancy liquors and mixtures which, in virtue of barroom courtesy claim the name of whisky?

There was no secrecy in the manufacture. The great colonels, judges and senators of those days knew what they were drinking. They never questioned; they knew.

The whisky our grandfathers drank—that is whisky. What was whisky then is whisky now. This is the rule of simplicity and truth.

Counsel for Gould Brokaw in the divorce suit expresses great surprise that Mrs. Brokaw was unhappy, although $30,000 a year was spent on her. Had it been $3000 the lady's chances for happiness would have been more numerous, and it is just possible that if she had had $1000, earned by herself, her joy would have been unclouded. As a source of happiness, congenial work is second only to love.

A suit over a 50-cent chicken in Macon has resulted in one of the parties having to pay $500 damages, and he is the very fellow that lost the chicken.

A native African band delighted Mr. Roosevelt, who always preferred to hunt with a brass band.

Mrs. William Watson says William is not crazy. Then how does she account for it?

Merchants are still issuing notices that the early shopper didn't get all the worms.

LETTERS FROM THE PEOPLE.

Woman Suffrage in England.

To the Editor of the Post-Dispatch.

I am pleased to see that Mrs. Blackwell shows the inaccuracy of Mrs. Ward's statements. All the woman suffrage associations in England are having an unprecedented increase in membership. Mrs. Ward's statements in regard to the movement in America were also inaccurate. JUSTICE.

Let Peary Show the Danes.

To the Editor of the Post-Dispatch.

Yours is a paper which stands for fair play and I hope you will make a demand through its columns on Peary to submit his data to the Danes. He left two days behind him. Every scientific man who accompanied him and the negro who, it is alleged, stood with him at the pole, stated in his lecture here that Peary missed the pole by three minutes or three miles. If by three, why not by more, and possibly many more? Cook believers have no apologies to make; they believed what the greatest Arctic scientists in Europe believed. Peary must now submit his proofs to an unprejudiced body—the Danes.

Dec. 22, 1909. I. A. THORNTON.

School Auditoriums Too Small.

To the Editor of the Post-Dispatch.

The decision of the Board of Education in regard to holding the high school graduation exercises in the auditoriums of the respective high schools is at present creating a great deal of agitation in senior classes. The two schools most affected are the McKinley and Central High schools, the auditoriums of these schools being entirely too small for exercises which our parents and friends have a right to attend. It is the duty of every graduate to afford an opportunity for their relations and friends who have followed with interest their course in the high school, to see them receive their diplomas and hear their essays. Parents of all the pupils are anxious for a reconsideration of this matter and for a decision which will reflect credit upon their interest in the schools. "If such an intelligent body as the Board of Education cannot change its decision," then they will remember the old adage which says: "Only a fool never changes his mind." The pupils of the high schools demand a fair showing in this matter.

HIGH SCHOOL SENIOR.

Who Owns the Streets?

To the Editor of the Post-Dispatch.

By way of punishing the automobile owners of St. Louis for killing six people in the last five months, the former spokesman for the automobile interests suggests that they be allowed to run 25 miles an hour—about twice the present speed. In other words, he wants the people of St. Louis to give up the streets to automobile owners. Does the possession of one of these machines make an idiot or a beast of the owner? Our lives would not be worth a cent with these death-dealing monsters running around everywhere at 25 miles an hour. Trains run only 10 miles faster on their own tracks, and everybody knows where and when to look for them, but automobiles, which are even more deadly by reason of their silent approach, are everywhere, sneaking upon people from all sides without warning.

It seems strange that there has not been laws passed ere this penalizing violators of the speed laws and forcing automobile owners to attach some automatic apparatus to their machines to warn one from a distance of their approach. If these laws had been in force the people killed by them would have been alive today.

Many of us prefer a horse and buggy to an auto and we all want protection. A. B.

For the Humane Cause.

To the Editor of the Post-Dispatch.

In regard to cruelty and neglect of animals, particularly the case of the sick horse so cruelly treated and killed, it is the duty of a police officer to interfere and to make arrests. If they refuse to do this, report them to the Chief. I have never had one refuse.

The Humane Society is handicapped. It has never received the financial nor moral support of this great city as it should. I have traveled all over the United States and feel safe in saying that in no large city do I find so many horses unfit for work or so little done for their relief. It is a disgrace to an intelligent and progressive community. If the people would uphold the humane workers and make the cause popular we would see some results.

There should not be three humane societies. In unity there is strength. This might be remedied by the Missouri Humane Society having on their board of directors a few intelligent, discreet women. There is no other humane society that I know of that entirely excludes women. The fault lies with the Humane Society as much as with the public.

Your editorial a few evenings ago with regard to the manner of punishing the owner of the horse was good. We should try to prevent rather than to punish, if possible. The Chicago Humane Society is compelling drivers to cover their horses. Can we not do as much? Many of the working horses stand all day unfed and unblanketed.

A MEMBER OF THE MISSOURI HUMANE SOCIETY.

A Word for Cook.

To the Editor of the Post-Dispatch.

Dr. Cook should have the benefit of every reasonable doubt. That he found the pole now appears questionable, to say the least, but that he has deliberately lied and plotted a swindle we should not believe except on the clearest evidence. It is far easier to account for his action and for the character of the data which he submitted to the University of Copenhagen, upon the hypothesis of a broken mind, the prey of fixed delusions, than to assume that he perpetrated an intentional fraud. Any intelligent man is competent to judge, with approximate sureness, human motives and rational conduct in his fellow-man, and if any human being can find the smallest particle of evidence of sanity in the alleged report made by Cook to the University of Copenhagen, I would be delighted to hear or see it.

It would seem that the doctor wandered in the polar night in search of another Golden Fleece—the Never, Never Land! He deserves our sympathy, not our condemnation, at least, not yet! No sane man struggles week in and week out, month after month, amid ice and snow, his very blood near freezing, frozen to the heart only that he may return to lie and cheat! Peary found the pole, no doubt of it, but let us not desert poor Cook entirely, assuming that he knew he had not found the "Big Nail," because time will show that Dr. Cook is the victim of the mirage of shadows and ghosts and of an unrealized dream which has brought down upon his head the contemptuous wrath of the world. Cook is not a liar, a swindler, a fraud, but an unfortunate man who fought the North bravely and found only a phantasmal goal. P. R. FLETCHER.

AT LEAST A DIME.

You Can Be a Santa Claus to some poor child if you give to the Post-Dispatch Christmas Fund.

TRY IT, JIM.

Mr. Campbell said that street car congestion was a detail of operation with which he was not familiar.—News.

A DO NOTHING CONGRESS.

From the Boston Herald.

Congressmen hurried away for the Christmas recess. With the election of Speaker of the House and the appointment of committees cared for at the special session, the first month of this session has passed with the usual record of non-accomplishment. Some time on the appropriation bills undoubtedly will be saved through the better preparation of department estimates, but it is apparent that these bills will require the greater part of the first two or three months of the year. There will be little opportunity for Congress to consider momentous and far-reaching reforms, even if they should be recommended by the President. In the present state of mind in the nation, it may be just as well that Congress is marking time, but it would be equally to the satisfaction of the country if Congress would expedite its necessary business and adjourn early and go home.

ONE KIND OF RELIGION.

From the Morrill (Kan.) News.

He was the worst boy in school; she was the teacher. She was angered by his stubbornness; he was defiant. She took him to the hall for punishment. Angrily she administered the penalty and—then somehow a great wave of pity for the boy swept over her.

She looked at the worn coat of the little fellow; she thought of the frail body deprived of nourishing food; she thought of the hard and loveless home and of the starved soul of the poor kid.

Tears sprang to the teacher's eyes as the boy waited for further punishment. Then he saw the tears. His own eyes grew moist and overflowed.

Thinking of how the poor boy had no chance, in an impulse of love she put her arms around the boy and they cried together.

That is religion.

She and the boy both found it.

BALLINGER.

From the New York World.

It is a vital matter when the personal integrity of a Cabinet officer is openly questioned as Secretary Ballinger's has been. He cannot clear himself by silence or suppression when direct charges are leveled against him. Secretary Ballinger evidently has no desire for secrecy, else he would not demand an inquiry. If he deserves Mr. Taft's confidence, so warmly testified in the past, his best defense is the whole truth. If not, the sooner he quits the Cabinet the better for the administration and the public.

INDUCEMENTS WANTING.

From the Washington Star.

"Why does Willie Smifkins refuse to be a good boy just before Christmas?"

"Because," answered the boy who always knows the answer, "he belongs to one of those families that believe in giving none except useful presents."

STILL UNREGENERATE.

From the Washington Times.

John W. Gates now denies that he advised the Methodist conference at Port Arthur, Tex., not to gamble; and for himself, Mr. Gates is understood to be just as ready as ever to bet a million or two.

WANTS TO BE PRAISED.

From the Chicago Record-Herald.

A man who doesn't eat things which would, if he consumed them, make him sick always feels that his self-sacrifice has been in vain if other people do not regard him as a hero.

JUST A MINUTE.

Written for the Post-Dispatch by Clark McAdams.

WHAT DOES PEARY WANT FOR CHRISTMAS?

What does Peary want for Christmas?
That's what we would like to know.
All of us have tried to guess it
For the last three days or so.
You can scarcely meet a person
But's afflicted with strabismus
Looking through the lists of presents—
What does Peary want for Christmas?

What does Peary want for Christmas?
Really, it is too funny
Hearing everyone debating
What he'd rather for the money.
One would think that everybody
From the Arctic to the Isthmus
Had agreed to give him something—
What does Peary want for Christmas?

What does Peary want for Christmas?
We are frantic to discover,
All of us who were against him
Have for this come out of cover.
Would he like a magic lantern—
Diamond—or some sweet-to-kiss miss
Done by Christy, say, or Gibson—
What does Peary want for Christmas?

WRITING THE GOVERNOR.

Another tip to the people who are writing the Missouri song: The song itself is of little consequence. What you want to center your fire upon is the accompanying letter to Gov. Hadley. For the guidance of persons who can compose good music and write good poetry, but who are not up in letter-writing of this sort, we submit the following form:

Renowned Sir: It is with a lively sense of my own unworthiness that I address your illustrious self. Nothing but an undying affection for the State which you have made the terror of the trusts and scourge of monopoly emboldens me to do so. I have taken an altogether modest and unpretentious shy at the $1000 prize. (It is not necessary to repeat the Governor's offer here. He is a busy man, and he remembers what it was, anyway.) I am sending it under separate cover, with return postage, and if Your Excellency's committee should be so kind as to consider it worthy of ultimate consideration, I am prepared to appear with my own band and chorus for the purpose of trying it out. I heartily agree with your distinguished opinion that a State song is now our most pressing need. With renewed protestations of my utter nothingness, and deeply cognizant of your exceptional somethingness, I remain.

Very respectfully, etc.

COOK'S LAST CHANCE.

"What do you think of our new battleship?"

"O, I'm like everybody else. I want peace, but O Utah!"

SANTA CLAUS IN MISSOURI.

NOTES AND QUERIES.

Answers to Questions From Readers of the Post-Dispatch.

Write but one question. No pets decided. Business addresses not given. Legal questions must be simple. Address "Answers," Post-Dispatch, using postal cards when convenient.

Y. Z.—See German book store.

INQUIRY.—Try writing special request on envelope for carrier to deliver.

H. W. H.—To become a Catholic, see the priest of the parish in which you reside.

C. H. W.—We haven't space for "The Night Before Christmas." Copy it at the Public Library.

READER—The city may sell property for taxes in less than five years; that time is said to be the limit.

F. Z.—Coldest weather of 1898, Dec. 14, 2 above zero; William Kroener's record shows 3 below on that date.

STRANGER.—St. Peter's (Episcopal) service Christmas morning, 7:30 a. m., and 10:30 a. m. There is now no St. Mark's.

COOKE.—Naval deserter returning would receive such treatment as the circumstances of the case would appear to warrant.

MOTHER.—Simply shut off the food of the lazy bully who imposes upon his mother. If he does not behave, call a policeman, who will lock him up.

C. Q. D.—Dog mange: Slice a raw onion and rub the juice on the sore or bare places. Will cure after a few applications. This is an old Spanish remedy.

M. H.—Pumice stone does not remove the hair permanently. Electricity sometimes does if the electrician is skillful and all conditions are favorable.

CHILDREN.—Poor children, by applying to the charitable organizations, may be admitted to the Coliseum Christmas feast. No one can get in "to see."

ANXIOUS.—"Little Breeches" is the title of some popular verses written by John Hay, who afterwards became Secretary of State and disliked to hear them mentioned.

WONDER.—The new law of Missouri forbids the marriage of whites and Mongolians. Japanese are classed as Mongolians. In Illinois there is no law against the marriage of Americans and Japanese, but it is said to be difficult to obtain license.

ANXIOUS.—Reopening case of criminal in Illinois after he had pleaded guilty would be at the discretion of the Judge. After a plea of guilty is made the defendant is at a great disadvantage, and his proof of fraudulent promises would have to be strong.

DE SOTOS.—Coldest three months in St. Louis since 1878, when Weather Bureau records began, 1880-81—average 27.3; in 1904-5 the average was 27.4. In Russia the winter of 1907-8 was the "coldest in 200 years." It was so cold that thermometers became useless.

AMATEUR PAINTER.—Mahogany stain: Boil half pound madder and two ounces logwood chips in one gallon water, and brush well over while hot. When dry go over with pearlash solution, two drams to the quart. By using it strong or weak the color may be varied at pleasure.

VERY ANXIOUS.—For perspiration (there is no such word as prespiration) of the palms use a lotion consisting of eight grains tannic acid to four ounces bay rum. This is also useful for excessive perspiration of the axillae. After using it is well to apply a dusting powder of prepared chalk or orris root.

M. D.—No insult whatever was intended. There are deserving poor who remain away from the Christmas feast because they have an idea that there are persons who are present merely to look upon them as a show. The admission is in charge of charitable organizations and doubtless room would be made for a minister in search of facts.

NEW SUBSCRIBER.—Peanut Brittle: One pound granulated sugar, melted in a skillet but not scorched. When melted add a lump of butter size of a walnut and one quart of finely chopped peanuts. Stir well and pour a little on a buttered board; roll thin with a well buttered rolling pin as it hardens quickly; continue until all is formed into sheets. (Must be cooked until it is really brittle. Do not stir the boiling syrup. Sugar candy should never be touched with a spoon while cooking.)

G. S.—Very few have ever seen the Kaiser on foot, except on his yacht, the Hohenzollern. He always drives or rides. The reason for this would be more apparent than it is were it not that he wears very thick-soled boots. His real height is 5 feet 8 inches, so he is thus among Europe's shortest monarchs. But that is not the only reason why he appears so seldom on foot. He is partly paralyzed down his left side, and his left arm is almost useless. That is why in all his photographs his left arm appears limp.

GRAY HAIR.—To stimulate and restore color: Two ounces green tea and two ounces garden sage, the last crop. Put in an iron pot, pour over the herbs three quarts boiling water, put on soft, cover closely and let simmer till reduced one-third. Take off the fire and leave in the pot 24 hours. Strain and bottle. Wet the hair with the lotion every night and massage the scalp morning and evening. If you prefer, before your hair is dry, press your pillow with a towel. (For falling hair, salt water and crude petroleum, rubbed into the scalp, have both been recommended. Keep scalp clean with egg shampoo.

PHILOLOGY.—Ozark is a corruption of two French words, aux arcs, which mean at or among bows or bends. The name was probably given these mountains, which form the backbone of the Mississippi Valley, by the early French explorers on account of the shape of the hills. The Ozarks are not an isolated chain of mountains appearing only in Arkansas and Missouri, but form the chain which connects the Appalachians and Rockies, and scientists generally agree that geologically speaking it is the oldest land of the continent, and that in its caves dwelt the men of the stone age and that its highlands were the homes of the mound builders.

E. T. W.—Married man's wages in Illinois, if not more than $15 a week, are not subject to garnishment. Before a garnishment can be instituted an execution must be issued on the judgment. Under the Illinois practice attachments are sometimes used to take the place of garnishments, as an attachment can be issued without a judgment being obtained in advance, by the giving of a bond to pay damages if the attachment is quashed. In an attachment it is necessary to prove some fraud on the part of the debtor to delay his creditors. The usual costs in an attachment proceeding are about $7.50 and in a garnishment it is slightly more.

M. A. C.—Roast Goose: Prepare duck for roasting, using this dressing: Three good sized onions chopped fine, four large spoonfuls fine bread crumbs, half cup chopped oysters, half cup finely chopped English walnuts, small spoonful sage, piece of butter the size of a walnut, salt and pepper to taste. Mix well and roast. An hour is enough for roasting an ordinary sized duck. Serve with the dressing a gravy made of the straining and thickening with browned flour, tomatoes, mixed mustard and half glass good claret. Allow gravy to simmer five minutes, strain through sieve and serve with the goose or duck. Celery is a delicious and proper accompaniment. Cranberry sauce and red cabbage pickled are always best cooked without sugaring; it spoils a pickle to stuff these fine birds. Pheasants, teals, widgeon and woodcock may be roasted with rare, tender or well done meat, as preferred. Allow a pheasant about 20 minutes to the pound, and other game birds in proportion.

NEW POEMS ABOUT CHRISTMAS

Christ Crucified.

NOW ere I slept, my prayer had
been that I might see my way
To do the will of Christ our Lord
and Master, day by day;
And with this prayer upon my lips, I
knew not that I dreamed,
But suddenly the world of night in pan-
demonium seemed.
From forest, and from slaughter house,
from bull ring, and from stall,
There rose an anguished cry of pain, a
loud, appealing call;
As man—the dumb beast's next of kin
—with gun, and whip, and knife,
Went pleasure-seeking through the
earth, blood-bent on taking life.
From trap, and cage, and house, and
zoo, and street, that awful strain
Of tortured creatures rose and swelled
the orchestra of pain.
And then methought the gentle Christ
appeared to me, and spoke:
"I called you, but ye answered not"—
and in my fear I woke.

Again I slept. I seemed to climb a
hard, ascending track;
And just behind me labored one whose
patient face was black.
I pitied him; but hour by hour he
gained upon the path;
He stood beside me, stood upright—and
then I turned in wrath.
"Go back!" I cried. "What right have
you to walk beside me here?
For you are black, and I am white." I
paused, struck dumb with fear,
For lo! the black man was not there,
but Christ stood in his place;
And oh! the pain, the pain, the pain
that looked from that dear face.

Then next I heard the rear of mills;
and moving through the noise,
Like phantoms in an underworld, were
little girls and boys.
Their backs were bent, their brows were
pale, their eyes were sad and old;
But by the labor of their hands greed
added gold to gold.
Again the Presence and the Voice: "Be-
hold the crimes I see,

As ye have done it unto these, so have
ye done to me."
Now when I woke, the air was rife
with that sweet, rhythmic din
Which tells the world that Christ has
come to save mankind from sin.
And through the open door of church
and temple passed a throng,
To worship Him with bended knee, with
sermon, and with song.
But over all I heard the cry of hunted,
mangled things;
Those creatures which are part of God,
though they have hoofs and wings.

I saw in mill, and mine, and shop, the
little slaves of greed;
I heard the strife of race with race,
all sprung from one God-seed.
And then I bowed my head in shame,
and in contrition cried:
"Lo, after nineteen hundred years,
Christ still is crucified."
—Ella Wheeler Wilcox, in Everybody's.

Christmas Ashes.

YULETIDE logs are burning low
Twelfth-night soon his face will
show,
And those sober days come in,
When the year's work we begin.

But the ashes save them all
On your hearthstone as they fall;
Christmas ashes have a charm
That can fend away much harm.

Housewives, take the precious drift
And among your linens sift,
'Mid your wool and silken cloths,
So to keep them free from moths.

Cast the ashes white and soft
Round the byre and through the croft,
Then the young ngs of the year—
Fleece or feathers—need not fear.

If so be that ye fall ill
(Far to call on leech's skill),
Put a pinch of ashes fine
In your evenin- ale or wine.

Holy is the yuletide flame;
And the ashes just the same;
Love the Christm : fires did light—
Love is in their ashes white!

Thus, the whole roun . year we may
Treasure blessings from this day;
To our hearts catch up the glow,
When the yuleleg burneth low.
—Edith M. Thomas in St. Nicholas.

Deposed.

I USETER be "it" at Christmas;
The whole darned thing was me.
But it ain't that way no longer,
For we've got a baby—see?
An' it happens that I ain't in it
Around that Christmas tree!

Of course I do get some presents,
The same 's I useter get;
If I didn't—well, if I didn't
There'd be a kick, you bet.
An' we have the tree and fixin's
The same 's we uster; yet—

It's "Baby! Oh, see, see, baby!"
"Does baby like it? There!"
"Did Santy bring lots of pitties?"
"No, baby mustn't tear!"
"Let babykins have it, brother"—
Till a feller wants to swear.

They've give him a lot more stuff'n
He'll ever, ever use.
An' what do yuh think? It's my stuff
He always has to choose!
An' I have to hand it over
For "baby" to abuse!

He's played with my truly engine
An' put it on the bum;
An' he's sat on my book of Injuns,
An' stuck a hole in my drum;
An' it ain't such fun at Christmas
Since that there baby come.

But they needn't think they can "Santy"
Him like they've "Santied" me;
For I'm agoin' to tell him
There ain't no Santy—gee!
An' mebbe he'll think he'd rather
Go back to heaven—see?
—Edward L. Sabin in Lippincott's.

"Merry Christmas."

HO, God bless you—you who said,
"Merry Christmas" when you sped
Past me in the crowded street.
Every syllable was sweet,
Every word in every part
Sent a tingle to my heart!.
Ho, God bless you—stranger man!

You who said it as you ran,
Waiting not for my reply.
But, a stranger, hastened by;
Aye, God bless you, through and
through—
Merry Christmas back to you!
—Wilbur D. Nesbit in "The Land of
Make-Believe."

The Mahogany Tree.

CHRISTMAS is here:
Winds whistle shrill,
Icy and chill,
Little care we:
Little we fear,
Weather without,
Sheltered about
The Mahogany Tree.

Evenings we knew,
Happy as this;
Faces we miss,
Pleasant to see.
Kind hearts and true,
Gentle and just,
Peace to your dust!
We sing round the tree.

Care, like a dun,
Lurks at the gate:
Let the day wait;
Happy we'll be!
Drink every one:
Pile up the coals,
Fill the red bowls,
Round the old tree.
—From Mrs. Fairbank's "The Sense and Sentiment of Thackeray."

Santa on the Way.

I CAN hear him singing, faintly,
As he urges on his deer,
And his song is mellowed quaintly
As the measures strike the ear,
But the lilt of it is jolly,
And the words of it are gay:
"Get the mistletoe and holly;
I have started on the way."

I can hear the footbeats thudding,
As the snow is flung behind,
While the laden sleigh is scudding
With the swiftness of the wind;
And the echoes now are flinging
Broken murmurs of the song
That old Santa Claus is singing
While the reindeer speed along:

"Little fellow, little fellow, while you
sit and dream of me,
And the marvel of the morning that
shall show the wondrous tree,
For your trust in all the fancies of the
shadow and the gleam,
I am starting on my journey down the
highway of your dream."
—W. D. Nesbit in "The Land of Make-
Believe."

JUST BEFORE CHRISTMAS

Drawn for the Post-Dispatch By Ketten.

BACHELOR GIRL QUIPS.

Cutting Remarks on Love and Matrimony, Written for the Post-Dispatch

By HELEN ROWLAND.

THE only thing constant about a man's heart is its constant change.

This is the season when every time a woman kisses her husband he feels for his pocketbook and grapples it to his heart with hooks of steel.

One carat of engagement ring is worth a pound of promises.

When love is done a man seals his heart, but a woman merely conceals hers.

Before marriage we get the cream of love and then wonder why we have to live on skimmed milk forever afterward.

The only way to live happily with a husband is to let him know that you can live happily without him.

A woman has no reason; but a man who wants to do anything he shouldn't do always has at least a dozen.

It is unlucky to give a lover anything sharp—even a sharp answer.

A married man never appreciates the symphony of love unless he is allowed to lead the orchestra while his wife plays second fiddle.

A woman is such a helpless little thing that most men fancy it would be impossible for her to vote with one hand and curl her hair with the other.

Oh, the vine that can cling is the tender thing
That appeals to the masculine "oaks,"
And a man prefers a cackling goose
To an owl that may hoot at his jokes!

Now, would you each be called a "peach"—
For men love its counterpart—
Be perfectly soft and sweet outside,
And prefectly stony at heart!

The Privacy of Mother.

IT should be felt throughout the house that mother's room is no common property, but mother's alone.

Little feet may patter "upstairs and downstairs" if they like, but not "in my lady's chamber" unless mother says so. This may seem rather formal for a close-hearted family, yet children should early be taught the law of mine and thine; it is an essential of good breeding. Moreover, all within the precincts of this room must be held sacred, else its objects will come to naught.

Its chief object is mother's privacy, for her rest and her daily prayers. It should also be used as a tribunal, since a little talk with mother in her own room will be considered quite a solemn thing. And on Sunday afternoons, if the stories and heart to heart talks in honor of the day be held here, their fragrance will be doubly sweet.

Let this room be so much a part of mother's self that anyone who sees it might guess to whom it belongs. If possible, its windows should command a pretty view, then keep up the blinds and let the view in. A frame containing a photograph of each child, and many other dainty and fitting accessories will suggest themselves.

It would never do to tumble the bed for mother's daytime rest, so let there be a cot, crude and inexpensive, perhaps, but hidden by a pretty ruffle and graced by the pillows which will be your daughter's delight to furnish as Christmas and birthday surprises.

BESS THE BABBLER

Drawn for the Post-Dispatch By H. Palmer.

LOVE AND SLANDER

Advice on Courtship and Matrimony From a Post-Dispatch Expert.

By BETTY VINCENT.

YOU should never listen to anything unkind that anyone has to say about the person you love. You should take it for granted that unkind things are untrue, and you should be loyal enough to refuse to hear them.

However, the young people who do stoop to listen are in most cases severely punished for their disloyalty. Doubts torture them and they long to ask the object of their affection to set their fears at rest. And yet they are ashamed to admit the part they themselves have played.

Take the case of a young man whose letter I received this morning. He tells me: "I am really deeply in love with a girl. We are practically engaged to be married, although it is not as yet announced. I believe this girl to be everything that is true and womanly. However, I know another girl very well, and this girl is continuously telling me that the girl I love is not all I think her. She repeats it so often that sometimes I almost believe it. I am really miserable when I should be so happy."

And I am glad that this young man is miserable. The only unfortunate thing is that he is liable to make the girl to whom he is engaged miserable also.

Any person who listens to idle gossip about anyone for whom he cares deserves every pang of doubt and pain he feels.

Bows to Them.

A YOUNG man who signs his letter "J. M.," writes: "When a friend of mine goes walking with me we often meet two young ladies to whom we have never been introduced. Lately my friend has commenced to bow to them. Must I also bow? I do not wish to flirt with girls I do not know, but must I because I am in my friend's company?"

As long as you are walking with your friend you will have to take off your hat to any woman he bows to. If you do not care to do this you will have to give up the pleasure of walking with your friend.

Does She Care?

A YOUNG man who signs his letter "Mr. S.," writes: "I am in love with a girl and at times I think she cares for me. But when I ask her to go to the theater she usually has some excuse. She says her parents do not like her to go to the theater. And yet when I am talking to her sometimes I will see another man staring at her and trying to flirt, although she never smiles at him. Do you think she really care for me?"

Probably she does. It may be true that her parents do not want her to go to the theater unchaperoned. There is nothing unusual in that. I am sure she would be very ill-bred to flirt with other men while you were talking to her. Possibly she is very pretty, which would explain why other men stare at her.

He Will Not Call.

A. N. writes: "I have been meeting a young man frequently on the street. I am an Italian girl, and it is the custom among our people to have a young man's parents call with him the first time he calls. This the parents of the young man I have been meeting refuse to do. His will not call upon me without them. He wishes me to continue to meet him on the street. Please advise me."

You cannot continue to meet any man on street corners, no matter how much you care for him, and it is cowardly and disrespectful of him to ask you to do so. He ought to be willing to go frankly to his parents and tell them he cares for you and does not wish to offer you the disrespect of suggesting street meetings. Insist that he must call at your home.

COL. TODHUNTER OF MISSOURI

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CHAPTER XVI.

Following a Great Victory, Col. Todhunter Confronts Defeat.

DURING a lull in the excited jubilation that followed Tom Strickland's acquittal, Col. Todhunter encountered Mrs. Mayfield and Edith in the town square. It was the first time he had met them since the morning before the trial, when Edith had sent her message to Tom.

Mrs. Mayfield came toward him with glad eyes.

"I want to tell you how rejoiced I am that Tom has been cleared of all those horrible charges!" she said. "You know I have always liked him, but, under the circumstances, I had good reason for standing between him and Edith until everything had been cleared up. I didn't quite know just what to believe, Col. Todhunter. And Tom was a wilder boy than he should have been."

"I knew you'd be glad, Mrs. Mayfield!" responded the Colonel heartily. "And I'm a-countin' confidently now on Tom provin' himself a man. He'll do it, ma'am, never you fear!"

"I hope he will!" replied Mrs. Mayfield. "But he'll have to be mighty careful, Col. Todhunter. He surely must realize now how dangerous it is for him to drink."

"Tom's had his lesson ma'am," said Col. Todhunter. "Like all us fool men since Adam's time, he had to be skeered out of seven years' growth to put any sense in his head, but he's all right now. I know him like a book, Mrs. Mayfield, and he comes of the kind of stock that don't need more'n one lesson to set 'em straight for keeps. His father"—and here the Colonel chuckled—"His father, who's so meek now that butter won't melt in his mouth, was a heap wilder boy than Tom, as you yourself may remember, ma'am."

Mrs. Mayfield laughed and nodded her head. Then Col. Todhunter, his eyes twinkling, turned to Edith.

"I delivered that message of yours to Tom, Miss Edith," he said. "I just wish you could ha' seen how proud and happy it made him. Things were lookin' mighty black for him about that time, too. He needed somethin' like you sent him mighty bad!"

The girl blushed rose-red.

"Please don't bring up the subject of that message, Col. Todhunter!" she exclaimed. "I'll be ashamed to look him in the face when I meet him."

"He won't hurt you," said Col. Todhunter gravely.

Then, laughing, he turned to her mother.

"I'm still Tom Strickland's champion, Mrs. Mayfield," he spoke. "You ain't a-goin' to be hard on him any longer, are you? I mean about him and Miss Edith, ma'am?"

Mother and daughter were moving away.

The former looked back, smiling.

"I'll see about it!" she cried. "You've been very lucky in Tom's behalf so far, remember!"

Col. Todhunter was well content with this.

He had not gone twenty paces when he ran into Mr. and Mrs. Sim Birdsong and the redoubtable Mrs. Exall. Astonishing to relate, it was Mrs. Exall herself, her grim face transformed to an aspect of the most unqualified commendation, who spoke first.

"You and me's got to be friends, Col. Todhunter!" she announced fervently. "There ain't no ifs nor ands about it—we just got to be, after what you've done for poor young Tom Strickland! I never was so scared for anybody in all my life as I was for him—and I tell you, Col. Todhunter, the way you got him cleared was just too glorious for anything! I'm sorry I raked you over the coals the night you come to tell me that Angelica and Sim had run away and got married!"

The Colonel's lips twitched.

"I reckon maybe I didn't get any more'n I deserved, Mrs. Exall," he made answer. "Anyway, it's all past and gone and I can see that you was sorely tried that night, ma'am. But all's well that ends well!"

Sim Birdsong's face had beamed complacently at Mrs. Exall's guarded indorsement of him.

And the Colonel, shaking Sim's joyous hand, congratulated him in fitting terms. But he contemplated Mrs. Exall's martial back dubiously as her son-in-law rejoined her.

"It may be all right about that 'second mother' business," he muttered, doubtfully. "But Sim's got to show me—I'm from Mizzoorah!"

Col. Todhunter was on his way to confer with the Hon. William J. Strickland at his home concerning the latter's campaign prospects. The outlook was not encouraging.

"Bill," said Col. Todhunter, "there's just one chance for us. Tom's acquittal may bring about a reaction of public sentiment in your favor, if two days is time enough for the news to sink in and create the natural effect. They'll all know of it—the St. Louis and Kansas City papers are full of the excitin' story of his sudden acquittal, and every other newspaper in the State will have a lot about it. That's where it may prove a boomerang for the Yancey gang—they worked up public interest in the case, thinkin' it would ruin you body and soul."

Col. Strickland shook his head.

"It's too late, Thurs," he replied. "I reckon I'll have to stay beat. But I ain't worrying about that. Thank God, my boy's safe—that's all I'm thinking about now!"

The light of battle was in Col. Todhunter's eyes.

"I'm thinkin' about your gettin' that-there nomination, Bill Strickland!" he exclaimed. "Now that we got 'em beat in Tom's case, I'd like to whip 'em straight down the line, suh!"

The other laughed, but shook his head.

"They've got too big a bulge on us," he said. "Everything's fixed now to steal the St. Louis and Kansas City vote for old Steve Yancey, and that'll settle it. The judges and clerks of election are all Yancey crooks, appointed before Bob Peyton, the Yancey chairman of the Board of Election Commissioners in St. Louis, took sick and died and Randolph Carter was named to fill the vacancy, and the St. Louis and Kansas City vote is what's going to beat me."

Col. Todhunter snorted indignantly.

"A fight ain't over till one side or the other's licked, suh!" he announced. "And I ain't licked till I holler 'nuff,' suh! Th' ain't time now to do no more work on the stump, but I'm a-goin' to send out a mighty big batch o' telegrams to our best workers all over the State and see if we can't make things count the way they ought to count. When I quit fightin' you'll either see the worst whipped man you ever saw in all your born days—or you'll be the Democratic nominee for Governor of Mizoorah, Bill Strickland!"

Col. Strickland's weary eyes were contemplating the speaker with a whimsical envy in their expression.

"I'm glad, Thurs!" he said. "I never thought I'd begrudge another man his pluck, but I'm doing that with you right now, my friend. I'm too tired to fight any longer, old fellow—that's the truth of it. The campaign's over, as far as I'm concerned. I don't want to hear anything more but the final results, and I'm going to wire my friends in St. Louis not to bother sending me anything but that. The truth is, Thurs, this trouble of Tom's has taken something out of my spirit that don't seem to come back."

"It'll come back, Bill," said Col. Todhunter stoutly. "And you've been standin' the gaff like a gamecock, suh. You've done all a man in your position could ha' done—and your friends will do whatever fightin' remains to be done. You just take it easy, suh!"

Tom Strickland entered the room. He looked pale and worn, but happy, and there was a steadier manliness in his face.

"Mother's asking for you and Col. Todhunter, father," he said; "She says to tell you that this isn't any time to be talking politics."

Col. Todhunter laughed.

"Ain't that just like a woman, Bill?" he asked. "And Mrs. Strickland, for all she knows, on the very eve of becomin' the first lady of Mizoorah, suh! I'll be dadblamed—well, suh, I reckon the good Lord who made 'em understands 'em, but it's a dadblamed sight more'n I do. Not even Mrs. Todhunter, suh!"

He chuckled. Then he added—

"Least of all, Mrs. Todhunter, suh!"

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KONEY HAS A LIFE JOB WITH THE CARDINALS

Indications Are That Bresnahan and Robison Will Refuse All Tempting Offers for Their Star.

BY JAMES CRUSINBERRY.

To all indications, Owner M. S. Robison and Manager Bresnahan have decided positively that Big Ed Konetchy is to remain a Cardinal for life. The baseball fans of St. Louis were worried a week ago, fearing the two magnates would be tempted to part with this big star, as New York was said to have offered about five players for him. But Koney himself arrived in town Thursday and announced to his friends he had been assured by Bresnahan that St. Louis was to be his abode for all time.

There's little doubt that Bresnahan could have bettered the Cardinals for the coming season by parting with Konetchy. But he is absolutely sure that he has one of the stars of baseball in this big first sacker and he decided to keep him at the cost of immediate success. Koney is the foundation for a great team in St. Louis. Around him Roger expects to build a club that will some day win a pennant. Should he let Koney go, the foundation would be gone.

It takes but two or three such stars to make a great team. Pittsburg is great because it has Wagner, Clarke and Leach. Chicago has Chance, Evers and Tinker. New York had Mathewson, Doyle and Donlin when it was a contender for the honors. Detroit had Cobb, Crawford and Mullin.

As a rule, three stars can just about make a great team. If the other players are men of ordinary ability, they will be held up to the limit of their speed by the three stars.

Now Robison and Bresnahan are satisfied they have one star in Koney. Possibly in the next two years, they will be able to find the other two stars, and then they can go ahead and win pennants. Bresnahan himself is a great player. It seems, at times, that Rube Ellis is destined to become one of the coming trio of the Cardinals. But a prominent third man has not shown yet.

Koney is, in reality, a wonderful ball player. He is very young in years, and will not be at his best for two or three years yet. He's powerful of build, has a mighty throwing arm, and best of all, an active mind. He has acquired good habits in his youth, and all in all, comes near being a faultless player. His steady improvement ever since he joined the Cardinals as a green boy, has led us to predict a brilliant future and long career on the diamond.

A year ago, Pittsburg made a desperate effort to land him, but Bresnahan and Robison hung on, and shut their teeth tightly every time the tempting offers were made. This year, New York got after him, and again Roger and Robison were able to thrust the temptation aside. There may be those who think the magnates made a mistake in not parting with this one star for four or five men of fair ability. But Bresnahan is building deeply. Konsy is but a beginner, and with two or three great men to work with him in two or three years from now the Cardinals will be contenders.

Konetchy and Mrs. Konetchy have just returned from a two months' trip to the Pacific Coast, with Frank Bancroft's National League stars, and will spend the remainder of the winter here.

Four Stars of Keen Kutters Who Play Gillespie Soccer Team Here

Trendall Will Box White in Memphis Ring

Harry Trendall, the St. Louis lightweight boxer who defeated George Memsic in his last bout at Suburban Garden in this city, has again started training at the Business Men's Gymnasium. A young man named White is to be the "Pride of the Patch's" opponent in a 10-round setto at Memphis on Jan. 15.

Trendall is working hard, as this same fighter White is responsible for Abe Attell being barred from Memphis boxing clubs. Some critics gave White credit for outpointing Attell in a recent bout at Memphis, while others declared that he had a draw at least. Then again it was charged that Attell was really under a "pull" and could have stopped White if he wanted to.

The latter conclusion seemed to please the Memphis men best so they barred the featherweight champion from further participation in their boxing shows. Just how good White really is will be demonstrated when he meets Trendall, as he will certainly have to show considerable "class" to avoid Trendall's wicked right "in-drop" to the jaw.

NELSON AND WOLGAST AGREE TO FIGHT

LOS ANGELES, Cal., Dec. 24.—Thomas McCarey, manager of the Pacific Athletic Club of this city, announced last night that he has secured an agreement for a 45-round contest between Battling Nelson and Ad Wolgast. Wolgast, who is in the city with his manager, Tom Jones, signed the agreement and Nelson telegraphed his acceptance from Chicago.

Nelson is to be given $10,000, win, lose or draw, and the men will post a side bet of $5000.

The contest will take place in February or March, the exact date to be selected later, and the Vernon arena, outside the city limits, will be the scene.

HERRMANN WANTS THE WORLD'S SERIES SURE

CINCINNATI, O., Dec. 24.—President Herrmann of the Reds says there need be no fear but that the world's championship series will be fought out as usual next fall.

"We are going to have the championship series if we have to play it in sleet and snow," he said. "Of course, we'll have to hurry to get through with those 168 games, but we can do that all right. Then the American League can drag its 154 games out a bit and the ending of both leagues will pretty nearly correspond. I don't think the championship series will be interfered with by the longer schedule, but if it is we can change it."

Jeffries Will Follow Santa Into St. Louis

James J. Jeffries, undefeated heavyweight champion of the world, is scheduled to arrive in St. Louis Saturday morning. Jeffries, Frank Gotch, world's champion heavyweight wrestler; Con O'Kelly, champion of Ireland; Dr. Roller of Seattle, Wash., near world's champion; Raoul de Rouen, champion of France, and a number of lesser grappling luminaries are scheduled to go on in bouts at the big show at the Coliseum Saturday night, at which "Jeff" and Gotch will be the stars.

Jeff has been showing all over the country in what he terms his "athletic" show. In addition to sparring with Sam Berger, his manager, the big fellow goes through a regular training "stunt," showing just how he intends to condition himself for his battle with Jack Johnson, which has aroused more interest than any contest the prize ring has ever had.

It will be the only chance St. Louisans will have to see Jeffries in action before the big fight, for after his St. Louis engagement and the few remaining dates on his schedule, Jeff will go to the mountains and remain until a few days before his little "engagement" with Johnson on July 4.

Jeffries' last appearance in St. Louis was about five years ago, when he mixed with Bob Fitzsimmons at Charley Haughton's West End Club on Olive street. Haughton put on a string of first-rate preliminaries that developed some real fighting, after which Jeff and Fitzsimmons went on. The contest drew a packed house, which leads the promoters of the Saturday night show to believe that the Jeffries-Gotch combination will also prove a strong drawing card.

Tickets have been placed on sale at the Val Reis Music Co., 1005 Olive street, and will be sold at that place until Friday night. Tickets will be on sale at the Coliseum all day Saturday.

STAR SOCCER PLAYERS TO PLAY AT KULAGE'S

Three men, who are considered among the best soccer football players in the country, Robertson, Jack O'Berta and Rauback, the latter goal tender, will appear in the Gillespie Thistles line up in the game with the Knights of Father Matthews at Kulage's Park Saturday afternoon. The Gillespie team tied with the Thistles, 1—1. Sunday the Keen Kutters will play the Gillespie team at Kulage's Park.

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Bug: Baseball is retrograding into a disorderly sort of sport.

Buggee: How do you figure that?

Bug: Well, judging from the New York election, aren't we in for a period of Lynch law?

The mystery and myth surrounding the Cook affair having been cleared, the only Pole question still unanswered is: Who discovered Zybesko? After the roller match, it's believed the famous explorer is in hiding.

While the Jeffries-Gotch entertainment at the Coliseum Christmas will offer nothing more sensational than exhibitions on the part of the two champions, it will serve to let St. Louis investors in Jeff's chance of beating Jack Johnson have a sight of the vaunted improved condition of the former titleholder.

The pros and cons of the Californian's rejuvenation have been threshed out in print, leaving the reader's mind in a state of uncertainty that nothing but the eyesight can dissipate.

Even this, however, while it may reveal the fact that Jeff has lost many pounds of weight, and has recovered some of his lost alertness, cannot convince the more experienced among Jeff's observers that he is anything like fit to fight a man of Johnson's class.

To be convinced of the big man's redemption, physically, one would like to see him go through an afternoon's hard work against a few lions of Kaufman, Ferguson type—heavy hirelings, brute enough to take a beating and give one, even in training. This rope-skipping and callisthenic are well enough for physical culture classes. They may even build up muscular ridges where once abdominal wastes of fat existed. But they don't strengthen the heart or increase the stamina, particularly. Neither do they restore lost fighting ability and the subconscious employment of tricks of the trade so essential to ring success.

Jim Corbett spent months of gymnasium work developing physical culture muscles which were to render him stronger and better able to stand Jeff's punching. When they met, Corbett's muscular "ridges" received a belt in the second round that almost ended him. He endured it for 18 rounds, where without his artificial development he had lost 23 rounds against the man-behemoth, Jeffries, in their previous meeting.

However, it will be something to see Jeff on Christmas night, reasonably free of superfluous fat and showing speed of foot. It will indicate the big fellow's earnestness, and with over six months remaining for training purposes there is still a chance for the big man to regain his fighting ability by practising on real men in place of gymnasium apparatus.

On the stage Saturday will be two men who stand, in public estimation as the highest types of their kind—Gotch and Jeffries. Neither has been beaten in a championship match and both have appeared to outclass all opposition. They stand, in the public eye, for real champions—not winners who win laurels by half-line decisions, but physical heroes who outclass their opposition and leave no doubt of their absolute superiority. The champion of the Tommy Burns type never was impressive. Burns won his title on a decision over Marvin Hart when he had caught the latter out of training. He had none of the elements of a world's title holder. But both Jeff and Gotch stand the test. Their names will last decades after the din once made by Thomas Burns has dwindled to a mere echo.

Jeffries, in his prime, was the greatest fighter the world ever knew—perhaps he still is. Gotch is unquestionably in head, heart and science the most conspicuous figure in a wrestling world starred with great names.

So it's not at all a bad Christmas package that Messrs. Callahan & Co. are going to hand St. Louis.

Association Shortens Schedule.

MILWAUKEE, Wis., Dec. 24.—The American Association is going back to the 154-game schedule in 1910, according to reports from President O'Brien's office. The move to reduce the playing season from 168 games to 154, the same as rules in the American League, is to come in for a thorough airing when the club owners assemble at the annual meeting in Chicago on Dec. 29. A majority of the magnates favor the shorter schedule, it is said.

Kling May Be President.

WICHITA, Kan., Dec. 24.—Frank Isbell of this city has received a proposition from the stockholders of the Central Kansas Baseball League asking him if he will accept the presidency of the organization and he has replied that if satisfactory terms can be made he will accept.

Central Boys in Feast.

The members of the Central High School football team that won the Interscholastic championship this season were tendered a banquet Thursday night by their coach, Mike Walker, at the Hotel Jefferson. The 13 boys that earned their letter were present, besides Prof. Curtiss, principal of the school, and Prof. Hoke, who is in charge of the Red and Black athletes.

BILLIARD NOTES.

Arbold will oppose Charites in the three-cushion billiard tournament match at the Rex Friday night. Thursday evening Meyer won from Shay, 25 to 22.

Only one match of the amateur 18.2 amateur billiard tournament is scheduled for Charley Peterson's hall, Friday, Watson being booked to cross cues with Merrill at 8:30 o'clock. Thursday Walker won from Andrews, 200 to 181.

Schrieber will oppose Mueser and Johnny Goetz will play Hutchins in the three cushion games at the Rex Friday. The former pair will meet in the afternoon in the handicap three cushion tournament, while Goetz and Hutchins will furnish the class A contest in the evening. Thursday Ellison defeated Wright in class A, 40 to 22. Ellison's high run was four and his average .61.

Hedges Establishes Unique Plan to Pluck Young Minor League Stars

Robert L. Hedges, owner of the St. Louis Browns, has decided that a baseball scout is just about as important as a baseball manager. But he has established a unique method of scouting that he thinks will bring better results to the club with less effort. His scheme is to have numerous scouts, scattered from the Atlantic to the Pacific oceans, instead of having one man try to cover the entire territory in one summer.

Thursday Mr. Hedges received a letter from Joe Yeager, the utility infielder for the Browns in 1908, who went to the Eastern League last year. Joe told him of a man in the Eastern League who has shown unusual ability and suggested that Hedges grab him at once for the Browns. Hedges decided then and there to appoint Yeager as the official scout for the Browns in the Eastern League territory. He can play ball there as usual and still keep his eyes on all promising material.

Though he had not announced it before, Hedges has appointed men on the Pacific Coast to act in a like manner, one has been appointed in the Texas League and Yeager in the Eastern League. He intends to have men in other organizations in both East and West so that it will hardly be possible for a young player to do startling things without being observed by one of the St. Louis scouts. These scouts will be handsomely rewarded for tipping off any player who afterwards makes good.

Some of the best ball players in the big leagues today were brought to the front simply by friendly tips. Hedges believes a closer observation will be kept if he has paid scouts on the watch all the time.

Last season and the season before, Jack O'Connor, who is now manager of the Browns, acted as scout much of the time. It was his custom to go through the country after midseason, visiting dozens of minor league cities and watching players in one or two games. Sometimes he followed a player for a week to get an accurate line on his ability. But it took a great deal of traveling and was not entirely satisfactory, for one could not spend sufficient time with the player. But on the other hand, with a scout working secretly in each one of the principal leagues of the country, he will be able to watch promising players much of the time from the beginning of the season on. He will know much more of that player's strength and weakness than a man could gain in following the player for a day or two.

John McGraw of the New York club has been using the same scheme, only on a small scale, for several seasons. He has friends in the South and on the coast who are continually tipping him off to live players, and he has picked up one or two of his stars in that way.

Alley Strikes and Spares

The new Fer-Mil-Lac team in the Business Men's League started off in fine form when the five, in spite of allowing the Postoffice team 16 pins handicap per game, walked off with a trio of victories Thursday night on the De Soto-Pine alleys. The Fer-Mil-Lac team is a brand new one, the old five which shot in the City Star League having failed to make good and being replaced by the team that is now bowling.

R. T. Pratt, winner of the individual championship in the city tournament last year, is one of the members of the team. Pratt did not shoot last night. The Fer-Mil-Lacs, which were the Vaccaros, have been averaging up around the 900 mark in every one of their league contests of late, so that there is hardly a doubt that the "youngsters" will make good in the big City Star League.

Al Jellison is one of the genuine veteran bowlers of St. Louis. Jellison can go back to the days when he was shooting on the old Court House alleys. It was not until he struck Harry Kieker's Grand alleys, at that time managed by Jake Pflueger of Chicago, that "Wizard" Al really cut much ice in the tenpin game. Since that time he has been bowling a game that has put him up in a class with any bowler in the country. Jimmy Smith and Wolff, the latter of Chicago, are the only pair of men whom local bowlers would refuse to wager their money that the "Wizard" could not take into camp for the very good reason that Smith and Wolff have both beaten Jellison in "money" matches.

Two matches between teams of the St. Louis Tenpin League were bowled on the Grand alleys Thursday night. The Marquettes took three games from the Grand Leaders and the Rex scanned the odd in their tilt with the Hellrung & Grimme. There was nothing doing in the line of big scores, all of the twenty men shooting for a 200 average, but Steiner coming nearest with a total of 207 pins.

The Sharp & Dohme were rather hard pressed to win the championship in the Druggists' League, as the five who outworked and outbowled by the Nelson Bakers on the Royal alleys Thursday night and lost three out of five games. Nevertheless, the two victories give the S. & D.'s the championship with a record of 42 games won and 33 lost to 41 won and 34 lost for the Merrells.

The Office Men's League matches resulted as follows: De Soto 2, H. K. 1; Peets 3, Markhams 0; Fer-Mil-Lacs 3, Postoffice 0; Wabahs 2, Festal Hall 1; Ideal Stars 2, Swifts 0.

Teams of the Manufacturing Tenpin League shot on the De Soto-Pine alleys Thursday night, the matches resulting as follows: Barnes-Crosby 2, Keen Kutters 1; M. & O. 3, Ludlow-Saylor 1; Electrics 2, M. K. & T. 1. Morris of the M. K. & T. team was high individual, with a total of 562 pins.

The shakeup in the City League is going to do some good. C. L. Hippe, Dolph Hancock, Ben Wuelling, F. E. Hurless, G. C. Hurless, R. C. Stedman and R. T. Pratt are the members of the new five that will shoot in the City League in place of the former "Lac" team. It is harder to get a good bowling team than a good baseball team in St. Louis, as there are about 15 tenpin bowlers in St. Louis who are in a class by themselves and they are well aware of the fact.

Teddy Hartman departed for Chicago Thursday and carried with him a copy of the score sheets for the game in which the Regal Shoe team broke the world's record. Hartman has an appointment to meet Abe Langtry in Chicago Friday night. Langtry has already signified that he intends to push the St. Louis man's claim to a world's record score, but they will rest much easier when they know positively that Langtry, who is the "pea boy" of the A. B. C., is in favor of not only giving them the gold championship medals, but having their score go down in the record books as well.

Attell vs. Mowatt.

KANSAS CITY, Mo., Dec. 24.—Abe Attel, the champion featherweight pugilist of the world, and Tommy Mowatt of Kansas City will box 10 rounds before the Twin Cities Athletic Club here next Monday night. The match will be at catch weights.

Old Bob Fitz Is Nearly Put Out by a Mongoose

NEW YORK, Dec. 24.—Bob Fitzsimmons, the pugilist, who is now in Australia, is having some sensational experiences there, according to a letter received here from Hugh D. McIntosh, the Australian promoter. The letter says, in part:

"Fitz was nearly struck by lightning last Friday afternoon, and about two weeks ago was attacked by a mongoose—a snake-killing animal—and had his arms and hands fearfully torn. He is getting on fine now, however.

"I thought Fitz was done for when the mongoose, which was a pet Fitz had recently acquired, attacked him. We were on a snake hunt at a place near Sydney.

"The mongoose killed about 30 snakes, and then attacked a tiger snake; the latter got the best of him. Fitz thought he was going to lose his pet, and killed the snake by breaking its back with a long stick. The mongoose was rescued by Fitz, but the brute turned on Fitz and tore his arms to pieces. We took him home in my auto, and the doctors fixed him up."

Fitzsimmons is scheduled to box Bill Lang for the championship of Australia, and a purse of $20,000 on Dec. 27. At the time McIntosh's letter was mailed the ex-champion was so far recovered as to lead his friends to believe he would be in first-class condition to meet Lang on the date appointed.

DISTANCE MEN TO RUN IN THE SNOW

In spite of the near blizzard Friday morning Dr. C. W. Bassett athletic director of the M. A. C., declared positively that the M. A. C. 18-mile race Monday from Normandy Grove to the M. A. C. Saturday morning would be held as scheduled.

"I am sorry to see this snowstorm but we are surely going to hold the race" declared Bassett Friday. "There is no doubt but the snow will cool the ardor of quite a number of the men who were planning to compete. At the same time I want to get the 18-mile race off my mind."

JEANNETTE HOME, PICKS JOHNSON TO WIN

NEW YORK, Dec. 24.—Joe Jeannette, the negro heavyweight who recently fought a 20-round draw with Sam McVey in Paris, is back in New York for the holidays. He is confident that Johnson will beat Jeffries in the championship bout next summer.

"But Johnson is a much-overrated fighter," added Jeannette. "I am quite sure that I could whip him. I have fought him seven times. Once he got a decision in a 15-round fight; once I fouled him and the other scraps were all declared draws."

MICHIGAN FEELS DISGRACE OF FOOTBALL MAN'S MISTAKE

Ann Arbor School Is in Compromising Position Over Joy Miller Incident.

ANN ARBOR, Mich., Dec. 24.—With his varsity letter gone, his election as captain of the 1910 football team repudiated by the board of control of the university athletics, Joy Miller, the Detroit boy whose brilliant work on the Michigan football team this fall won him the captaincy for next season, now faces disgrace and possible expulsion from the University of Michigan because of alleged misrepresentations and deception of the school authorities.

The delay in the discovery of Miller's culpability until after the end of the football season has placed Michigan in a seemingly compromising situation with regard to the five colleges against which Miller played during the season, and which has forced the board of control to apologize to Marquette, Notre Dame, Syracuse, Pennsylvania and Minnesota. In recognition of his work in the Minnesota game Miller was elected captain. To have to admit now that the star quarterback should not have played and was not even in school at the time the game was won is the bitterest pill Michigan has had to swallow in many years.

Technically, Miller's alleged offense consists in his having misrepresented his standing to the eligibility committee. He certified in writing to the committee that he was a "bona fide student doing full work in a regular or special course," during the football season. In view of the fact that he was known to be a fourth-year man and was actually registered in the engineering department, no one bothered to look up his class record. The mistake was not discovered until the names of all students were being checked over in the office of the secretary.

Investigation developed the fact that in some way the registration clerk in the engineering office had registered Miller. Instead of enrolling in his classes, however, as he should have done, Miller never even visited them, though he attended football practice regularly.

When Secretary Bird of the engineering department discovered Miller's delinquency, he wrote for an explanation and received word that he had transferred to another department. As Miller had been thinking of taking forestry work, this explanation sounded plausible. Then the secretary tried unsuccessfully to get in communication with Miller.

For about a week after the football season had closed and when the authorities had first got wind of how things stood, Miller was not to be located, nor has he paid any attention to communications, claim Michigan authorities.

Stagg Applies Knife to Forward Pass in Game

CHICAGO, Dec. 24.—Coach A. A. Stagg yesterday applied the knife to the forward pass in the cause of sane football. The University of Chicago mentor operated on the forward pass rules with a view to lessening the annual toll of football deaths and injuries and will present the results to the national experts at next Tuesday's meeting of the Intercollegiate Athletic Association in New York.

Coach Stagg's ideas for football revision follow:

"Not to allow pulling or pushing of the man carrying the ball in order to prevent mass plays and striking with the force of two or three men in a compact body.

"To remove the penalty of an uncompleted forward pass on the first and second down. Let the ball be brought back to the point from which it was thrown without penalty, to encourage open and spectacular play.

"To put a penalty on a player for crawling with the ball, and to enforce the penalty for dropping on a man that is on the ground.

"To protect the receiver of forward passes and on-side kicks from hard body checking.

"To legislate as far as possible for the removal of players suffering from exhaustion by urging upon coaches and trainers to remove such men and by having a rule that a man who takes out time the second time be put out of the game by the referee.

"To limit the halves in high school, preparatory school and untrained teams to no more than 25 minutes."

Basket Ball.

The Missouri A. C. Business Men's Basket Ball League began its schedule Thursday night at the club "gym" with a double-header, and, judging from the article of game these athletes displayed, Dr. C. W. Bassett will have an abundance of excellent material from which to pick a five that will hold its own with any of the best teams in the West. The games were hotly contested and with the interest manifested in their outcome as was shown last night, they should prove quite an attraction on Thursday nights, when all the league games are scheduled to be played. Six teams are in the league, and at the close of the season the leaders will be awarded gold medals, while those finishing second will receive silver medals, and third, bronze medals. The teams' names are those of colors and each team has a suit the color of the name of his team, thus avoiding the possibility of a mix-up.

In the initial contest the Whites defeated the Blacks in a well-played game by the score of 21 to 7. The team work of the Whites and the steady playing of Hendricks, the former Washington U. man, kept the darker shade at a disadvantage throughout and they succumbed to Capt. Swann's five rather easily. Hendricks, Morgan and Irland were the stars of the winners, being conspicuous in the point getting. Irland is a man in his 40's, which makes his work all the more creditable. Peterson and Williams did the best for the losers.

Whites (21).	Position.	Blacks (7)
Irland (7)	R. F.	Dillard (1)
Morgan (4)	L. F.	Peterson (3)
Hendricks	C.	Williams (3)
Capt. Swann	R. G.	Swartz
Leschen	L. G.	Tidd

In the second the Reds and the Blues were close the entire game and when the final whistle blew the Reds were on top, score 19 to 12. In the last few minutes Capt. Colony of the noisy shade bore off some difficult shots, which resulted in his team's victory. His playing all through was consistent, both in the field and at shooting baskets. He made 17 of the 19 points, but his teammates nobly assisted him in his work. McCoy and Mead played well for the losers.

The line up:

Reds (19)	Positions.	Blues (12)
Capt. Colony (17)	R. F.	Willard (2)
Stephens	L. F.	Mead (6)
Watts	C.	Capt. Mead (3)
Ernst (2)	R. G.	Schoels
Meyers	L. G.	Skinner

Harry Kieser refereed, W. Newman umpired. Time of halves, 20m.

Horgan Willing to Meet De Oro in Cue Match

Although Alfredo De Oro, world's three-cushion billiard champion, felt pretty safe when he issued his challenge in New York several days ago to play any man a match of three cushions for $2000 a side, there is more than a chance that his challenge will be accepted by John "Banker" Horgan.

Three cushions is a game in which De Oro, Horgan, John Daly and Tommy Hueston are now far separated when it comes down to a three night's match. The three-cushion game is much more brilliant to watch than a balk line match, which, after a few innings, becomes almost tiresome if a man like Willie Hoppe is in form. De Oro has only to defeat Fred Eames of Denver, Colo., to win permanently the $1000 diamond championship emblem offered by Jordan W. Lambert of St. Louis. De Oro is almost certain to beat Eames, as the Denver man is hardly in De Oro's class.

Tommy Carter, former Smith Academy football player, a well-known golf player and who ranks right up at the top as an amateur three-cushion billiard player, has come to the front with an offer to back Horgan.

Horgan personally does not need anybody to back him. At the same time he would rather play De Oro for somebody's else money than his own, as it is about an even-money shot between the pair. Carter told Horgan to accept the challenge and he would post the money. If Carter does not wish to back him, Horgan will play De Oro and play him for a side wager of considerable dimensions. There is no doubt that the match will be arranged and when the contest does take place it will be in St. Louis were De Oro is probably better known than in any city in the country.

Incidentally Horgan declares that he is willing to become a billiard speculator himself. He offers to wager quite a respectable amount that Willie Hoppe can defeat any billiard player in the world in a 1500-point balk-line match, and he is willing to give odds of 7 to 5 on his proposition as well.

Tommy Hueston's victory over Benny Allen again demonstrates the fact that there are only two men in the country who really have a chance to defeat the former "Kid." One is De Oro, and the Cuban says he is getting too old to play good pool, and the other is Horgan. Horgan has not been playing pool but he won the championship from Hueston and always was able to outplay him. As for De Oro, illness some years ago has robbed him of many years of his best playing life. De Oro, according to his own calculation, is 47 years of age. Horgan is 42 years old. Hueston now has the experience and skill of a genuine champion and is said to be 25 years of age. Calvin Demarest of Chicago is only 23 years of age.

Charley Peterson has been after Demarest for some time for a match to take place at his hall in this city. Demarest would prove a big drawing card, as he has never played in St. Louis. It is almost certain that the billiard "trust" will have him appear in St. Louis in a match with Peterson before spring.

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SLIGHT CHANGES IN SECURITIES ON WALL STREET

At End of First Half Hour's Trading Trend of Prices Is Higher; London Firm.

NEW YORK, Dec. 24, 12:30 p. m.—The general trend of securities during the forenoon was higher. Coppers were particularly strong. The industrials, on the whole, were much stronger than the rails. Utah Copper gained ⅛, Smelting ¾, Amalgamated Copper 1 and Anaconda 1⅞ points. Lead gained ⅜, Consolidated Gas ¾, Steel common ⅝, Laclede Gas 1⅛ and American Agricultural 1½.

In the rails section B. & O. and New York Central advanced ¼ each, Atchison, Erie, Pennsylvania, Rock Island preferred and the Harriman Pacifics ⅛ each.

B. R. T. and Missouri Pacific moved up ⅛ each and Rock Island common ½ point. St. Paul and Great Northern declined ¼ each, Wabash preferred ¼, C. & O. and D. & R. G. ⅛ each. Wabash preferred was active. The volume of trading was much below normal, the total sales to noon amounting to only 218,000 shares.

Changes from yesterday's closing figures were son insignificant at the opening of the stock market today that prices were practically at parity.

In a number of instances there were no variations whatever, and in others the range was between ⅛ and ⅝ points. The market was unusually slow in the early trading, whatever little activity there was being confined to a few of the prominent specialties.

In the industrials, Steel common gained ⅛. Consolidated Gas ¼ and Lead ¼. Smelting was ¼ off and was ex-dividend of 1 per cent. Anaconda, Amalgamated Copper and Laclede Gas were at parity.

In the railway list, Atchison, B. & O. and Mo. Pacific declined ¼ each, and Great Northern lost ¼. B. R. T. and N. Y. Central advanced ¼ each, Pennsylvania ⅛, C. & O., D. & R. G., So. Pacific and Wabash preferred ¾ each, M. K. & T. and Union Pacific ½ each and D. & H. 1 point.

Canadian Pacific, St. Paul, Erie, Reading and Rock Island common were unchanged.

Northern Pacific had not opened at the end of the first half hour.

At the end of the first half hour prices were generally higher. Most of the prominent rail issues gained ¼ each. Virginia-Carolina Chemical was very active, and ½ point above its opening.

Trading in the industrials was slow and featureless, with no changes of consequence. Rock Island was the most active of the rail issues.

American securities in London were firm, being from ⅛ to ⅞ above parity.

DETAILED REPORT OF DAY'S TRADING ON WALL STREET

NEW YORK, Dec. 24.—Prices of the majority of stocks started higher today than last night, but the gains were small and there was a considerable mixture of declines. Kansas & Texas and Virginia-Carolina Chemical rose ¾.

Small amounts of stocks were offered, for which there was no demand, and prices receded slightly.

Reading, Rock Island and Amalgamated Copper, the most active, 1 to the year. The list was not affected much. Reading second preferred declined 3.

The market became stronger and livelier, but the bulk of the buying was in the metal stocks and specialties. Before 1 o'clock the trading had fallen back again into its recent dullness. Union Pacific, United States Steel and Amalgamated Copper gained 1. Interborough-Metropolitan preferred 1¾, Kansas & Texas preferred ¾ and Anaconda 1⅝ and American Agricultural Chemical 2.

Increasing firmness developed in the afternoon dealings. The improvement was most marked in the stocks that are not usually active. Pittsburg Coal preferred rose 3. Sterling Elliott preferred 2, Anaconda 1⅝, Atchison preferred and Rock Island preferred second preferred and American Smelting 1.

THREE BROTHERS TO MEET AFTER 27 YEARS' SEPARATION

They Are Brought Together by Sermon One Preached From Pulpit.

Three brothers who have not seen each other for 27 years will meet at the home of the Rev. E. V. Lamb, pastor of the First Baptist Church, Friday evening and will spend Christmas together.

The brothers are Lipinas Lamb of Warrensburg, Mo., father of the Rev. Mr. Lamb; Thomas Lamb of Vandalia, Ill., and Thomas Lamb of Marshall, Ill. The brothers left their home at Martinsville, Ill., and drifted apart, none of them keeping in touch with the others. The reunion is the result of the efforts of the son and nephew.

The Rev. Mr. Lamb delivered a sermon at Marshall, Ill., in November before the Baptist State Association and met the uncle, Thomas Lamb, was one of his auditors. They discovered their relationship after the sermon and by means of letters Charles Lamb, the other brother, was located and the reunion planned.

EAST ST. LOUIS NOTES.

Edward Bunsau, son of Mr. and Mrs. A. P. Bonsau of Edmonton, Canada, is visiting his home at Bonsau Station on State street. On Monday he will go to Wilmenene, Ill., where he will be married Tuesday to Miss Lucille Shaat. He will be accompanied by his mother and his sister, Miss Marybel Bonsau.

The Schubert Club will give a musicale at Lehmann's Music Hall Tuesday afternoon, December 28. Prof. Arthur Lieber and Mrs. George Keller are in charge of the program. Mrs. F. C. Black of St. Louis will be soloist.

Edward Morris, division superintendent of the Illinois Traction System, announced that all employees of the system would receive an order for $3.50 on their grocers and butchers to furnish supplies for Christmas dinner. There are 50 men in East St. Louis in the employ of the company.

Capt. Conrad, who, as commander of the stern shooters in the insurgent army, has played a prominent part in the revolution in Central America, was a salesman for the C. O. Grant Chemical Co. in East St. Louis in charge of Louisiana, until a month ago. Conrad has been in their employ for a year. He resigned and Charles Rogers, who was with the company a month ago, asking to be reinstated. Conrad took part in the Boer war and in the Spanish-American war. He is 28 years old and is employed as a chemist.

The East St. Louis Postoffice will be open Christmas morning from 7:30 to 11:30 and Saturday afternoon from 1 to 2 o'clock. The carriers will make one regular delivery.

Miss Ethel Columbia place and Guy Maupin of St. Louis were married Thursday at the parsonage of the First Baptist Church, the Rev. E. V. Lamb officiating.

A merry Christmas to all our friends and patrons. Rhodes-Bertrand. Cash or credit.

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New York Stock Quotations.

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STOCKS.	Open.	High.	Low.	Noon.	Change from Last Close.
AMERICAN CAN COMMON	13	13⅛	13	13⅛	-⅛
AM. A. CHEM. COMMON	47½	48	47½	48	+⅝
AM. CAR & FDY. COMMON	71⅛	....	....	71⅛	-⅛
DO PREFERRED	120	....	....	120	-⅛
AM. SM. COM. (ex. div. 1 per cent)	101⅛	101⅞	101⅛	101⅞	+⅛
AMERICAN SUGAR	123½	....	....	123½	+½
AMERICAN TELEPHONE	143¾	143¾	143¾	145½	....
ANACONDA COPPER	50¼	51⅝	50¼	51⅞	+1⅛
ATCHISON COMMON	121⅛	121⅛	120⅞	121	-⅛
ATLANTIC COAST LINE	136⅝	....	....	136⅝	-¼
B. R. T.	79⅝	80	79⅝	80	+½
BALTIMORE & OHIO	117⅞	117⅞	117⅝	117⅝	-⅜
CANADIAN PACIFIC	179½	....	....	179½	....
CENTRAL LEATHER COMMON	46⅝	46⅞	46⅜	46⅞	+¼
C. M. & ST. P. COMMON	157⅜	157⅝	157½	157⅝	-⅛
COLORADO FUEL & IRON	49⅞	49⅞	49⅝	49⅝	....
CONSOLIDATED GAS	159⅜	159	158¼	158½	....
CORN PROD. REF. COMMON	22⅝	....	....	22⅝	....
CHICAGO & ALTON COMMON	67⅜	....	....	67⅜	+¼
CHESAPEAKE & OHIO	87¼	87¼	86⅝	86⅝	....
DELAWARE & HUDSON	186½	....	....	186½	+1
D. & R. G. COMMON	52¼	52⅝	52	52	-⅛
DO PREFERRED (ex-div. 2½ per cent)	84¼	....	....	84¼	-¼
ERIE COMMON	33½	33⅝	33½	33⅝	+¼
DO FIRST PREFERRED	49½	49⅝	49½	49½	+⅝
GENERAL ELECTRIC	159½	....	....	159½	....
GREAT NORTHERN PREFERRED	143⅝	143⅝	143¼	143¼	-⅜
INTERBORO MET. COMMON	24⅝	25	24½	24½	....
DO PREFERRED	60⅜	61¼	60⅛	61¼	+⅝
INTERN. PAPER COMMON	16	....	....	16	-⅛
KANSAS CITY SOUTHERN COMMON	43⅞	43⅞	43⅜	43⅜	-⅛
LACLEDE GAS COMMON	108⅞	110	108⅞	110	+1⅛
M., K. & T. COMMON	49¼	49½	49	49½	+⅜
MISSOURI PACIFIC	71⅛	71½	71	71½	+⅝
M., ST. P. & S. S. M.	139⅜	....	....	139⅜	....
NATIONAL BISCUIT COMMON	115¼	....	....	115¼	-⅜
NATIONAL LEAD COMMON	88¾	88⅞	88⅛	88⅝	+⅛
NORTHERN PACIFIC	145	145	144⅝	145	....
NEW YORK CENTRAL	123½	123½	123	123½	+⅛
NORFOLK & WESTERN	99	....	....	99	....
PENNSYLVANIA	137⅛	137⅜	136⅞	137⅜	+⅛
PEOPLE'S GAS	115¼	115⅝	115¼	115⅝	-⅛
READING 2D PREFERRED	110	110	106	109½	-2½
R. I. & S. COMMON	45½	....	....	45½	-⅜
DO PREFERRED	104	....	....	104	....
READING COMMON	171⅞	171⅞	171¼	171⅝	-⅛
ROCK ISLAND COMMON	48⅝	49⅛	48¼	49⅛	+⅝
DO PREFERRED	92¼	92¼	92	92	-⅜
SOUTHERN PACIFIC	134¼	134⅝	134	134½	+⅜
SOUTHERN RAILWAY COMMON	31⅝	31⅝	31½	31⅜	+⅛
ST. L. & S. F. 2D PREFERRED	55⅜	55⅜	53⅜	53½	-⅜
ST. L. & S. W. COMMON	32⅝	32⅞	32⅜	32½	+⅛
DO PREFERRED	80	....	....	80	+¼
TEXAS PACIFIC	35½	36⅛	35	35	-⅛
THIRD AVENUE	16½	16½	16½	16½	-⅛
TOLEDO PREFERRED	70⅜	....	....	70⅜	+⅛
UNION PACIFIC COMMON	202½	202⅝	201⅜	202½	+⅝
DO PREFERRED	108⅜	....	....	108⅜	....
UNITED STATES RUBBER	53½	53½	53	53	-⅞
U. S. STEEL COMMON	90⅞	91⅜	90⅝	91⅜	+1
DO PREFERRED	125½	125½	125½	125½	....
UTAH COPPER	60⅛	60½	59⅝	60½	+⅝
VIRGINIA-C. C. C.	54	55	54	55	+1⅛
WABASH COMMON	22	22	21⅝	21⅞	....
DO PREFERRED	60⅝	61	60¼	60¼	+⅛
WESTERN UNION	77	77	76⅝	76⅝	-⅛

*Advanced. -Declined. ....Unchanged.

Miscellaneous.

HOLIDAY DECORATIONS—Lycopodium, loose at $11 per 100-pound crate; evergreen wreathing at 75c per 20-yard coil; holly wreaths at $1.25 per dozen; needle pines at $1.25 per dozen; galax leaves at 60c per dozen; holly—Delaware at $5 to $6 and Southern at $3.25 per 100-pound crate and 75c@$1.25 per barrel. Red poinsettias; mistletoe, 50c per 50-pound crate; mistletoe at $1 to $2.50 per barrel—stock without berries not wanted; Christmas trees quotable at $1 to $1.25 per bundle containing two to three trees—school and church trees more.

SUNFLOWER SEED—At $3.25@3.50 per 100 pounds.

BROOM CORN—In car lots on track at $1.50@1.60 per ton for stained, crooked, inferior, etc., and $200 for choice self-working.

CASTOR BEANS—At $1.40 per bu.

BEANS AND PEAS—Orders from store: White beans—Choice hand-picked at $2.25@2.40; screened or machine-picked at $2.20; choice imported at $2.15 and country at $1.25@1.50—all inferior goods less; blackeye peas, $2.40@2.50; cowpeas, $2.30; split peas, $2.30 per bu or $8 per barrel of 3½ bu; Lima beans, 5.10c per pound; lentils, 4@4½c; California pink, 3c; red kidney, 3¼@3½c.

GOAT SKINS—Per skin, 7¼@10c for small or kids to 35@40c for choice large.

SHEEP PELTS—Whippoorwill at $1.25 to $1.40 per bu.

ONION SETS—Bottoms at $2@3 per 100 pounds.

HOPS—Per pound: New York, 38@39c; Western, 28@29c; foreign, 70@75c.

HONEY—Per pound: Comb—choice at 15@16c; amber at 12@14c. Extracted or strained—choice Southern in barrels at 5½@6c and in cans at 6½@7c, old candied 1c less. California, in cans, 7c for amber, 8c for water white; all old and candied 1c per pound less.

SORGHUM—At 35@40c per gallon.

SORGHUM CANE SEED—At $1.25@1.50 per 100 pounds.

DRIED FRUIT—Apples—Evaporated rings fair at 6¼@7c, choice at 7½c; quarters—fair at 6¼c, choice at 7c; fancy at 7½c, bores and peelings at 1½@1¾c, chops at 1½@2c—choice quarters at 5½c to 5¾c. All inferior or poorly handled fruit and other cuts less. Peaches—Sun-dried at 3¾@4c.

GRASS SEEDS (per 100 lbs.)—Timothy at $2.50@2.75 for inferior up to $3.25@3.50 for good—prime worth more; redtop at $1.50@2 for chaffy to $9.15 for clean; millet nominal at $1.25@1.50, clover at range of $7@8.5 for common up to $12.25 for prime seed—screenings at 50@75c.

NUTS—Pecans—Western Oklahoma and Southern at 10@12c per pound. Texas at 14c; Shaker nuts, 5c; black walnuts, 45c per bu; large hickory nuts at $1; shellbark at $1.70; Italian chestnuts at 7c per lb.

RAGS—At $1@1.25 per 100 lbs.—Country rags at 75@90c; old rope at $1.50; rubber boots and shoes—No. 1 at $6.50; No. 2 at $5; No. 3 at $3.50.

COTTONSEED OIL—Winter white, 63c; do yellow 62c; summer white, 61c; do yellow 60c; salad, 63c; cooking—white, 62c; yellow, 60c.

WOOL—Quiet; near-by growth—choice, 29c; fair, 28c; coarse and braid, 26@27c; burry, 21@24c; hard burry, 16c; lamb at 25c; from 15c to burry to 23c for choice, fine at 20c for heavy to 27c for light. Southern and Southwestern—Fair to choice, 24c to 26c; sandy and burry, 18c to 17c; slightly burry, 20@24c. Northern and Western—Medium at 25c for dark to 28c for light; burry at 15c for hard to 24c for slightly; fine at 12c for hard to 26c for light. Tub-washed at 20c to 37c. Angora goat at 10c to 14c for burry and 14@21c for clear.

HIDES—Steers—Packer and weak. Green salted—Western, round 11c; Southern, round 10½c; No. 1, 11½c; No. 2, 10½c; bull, 8½c; glued stock, 7½c; dry flint, 15@16c; dry 19½c; do fallen, 13½c; dry salted, 16½c; dry flint bull, 13½c; culls, 12c. Uncured 1c per pound less; part cured ½c per pound less. Calf—No. 1, 17c; No. 2, 15c; dry flint, 21c; dry and glue, 75c—dry less.

SHEEP PELTS—Full wool pelts at 50c to $1.60 each; lambs at 45@75c; shearings, 10c to 30c. Dry stocks at 14c to 18c per pound.

DEER SKINS—At 22c per pound for prime.

HORSE—Bleached in car lots on track, this side, at $17 per ton—smaller lots at $10 to $12.

FEATHERS—Prime white live geese in small sacks at 81c and large sacks at 46c; prime gray do at 80c in small and 37c in large sacks; old white, 36@38c; x, 27@32c; XX, 19@20c; XXX, 10@14c; crazy, 5c; tails, 10 per cent on small sacks and 8 on large. Duck—White, 32c; dark, 27@30c. Chicken—Prime dry, picked body, 2c; wet, dauny and quill-mixed, 1c. Turkey—Tail (straight and clean, no shorts), 22c; wing, 15c; pointers, 2c; tail, wing and pointers, mixed, 10c; dry body, 22c to 3c. Crow, 10c.

POPCORN—Good dry white on cob at $1.25 to $1.50 per 100 pounds.

BALING—$5.50 per ton; $2 per pound for red.

SALT—Granulated at $1.05 and medium at $1.10 per barrel, track this side.

OLD IRON AND METALS—Per 100 pounds—Heavy cast, 90c; wrought, 85c; malleable, 60c; brakebeam, 85c; stove, 60c; light cast, 25c; heavy brass and light copper, 10c; heavy red brass, 9c; light brass, 7c; zinc, 2½c; lead, 3c; pewter, $19; tin foil, 30c; tea lead, $3.75.

ROOTS—Goldenseal at $1.70; ginseng at 4c to $6.25 and cultivated at $4.50 to $6; lady slipper, 15c; senega root, 32c; pink root, 3c; black, 27c; ox tongue, 2c; Virginia snake root at 30c; angelica at 10c; wahoo bark of root, 14@15c; bark of tree, 4c; blood at 5½c; blueflag at 5c; sassafras, bark of root, at 7c; bark of tree, varnished, 9c; wild ginger at 10c; spikenard at 8c; skullcap at 4c.

BEESWAX—30c per pound for prime.

CASTOR OIL—In lots of 200 gallons or over at 10c per pound for No. 1 and 9c for No. 3 in barrels—but smaller quantities 1c per pound more.

MOSS—Per lb: Gray mixed, 1¼@1¾c; gray, brown and black mixed, 1¾@2c; brown and black mixed, 2@2¼c. Machine-picked—1¼@1½c. XX, 2½@3c. XXX 4½@5c. Extra black 6¾@7¼c. Inferior less.

COOPERSTUFF—In car lots, on track: Stave—flour $3 per 1,000-pound level; elm and $7.50 for gum-mixed; meal bri, $6; No. 2 23½-inch, gum-mixed, $6.50; cottonwood or elm, $6; No. 3 bri (gum-mixed), $5; elm or cotton Eastern stock, $5.50; mill run fruit bri, $7 for 6 to 2 gum-mixed and $6.50 for 5 to 2 do; beer-keg, $40@50; oil bri, 24-inch red oak, $7.50; do white oak, $35; pork bri, 24x30-inch, white oak, $30; headings, per set—No. 1 flour bri, 7½c—mill run, 7½-inch stock for apple bri, 6¾c; No. 2 do, 5c.

COOPERAGE—Lard tierces—wood-bound at $1.60 for red oak and $1.75 for white oak; iron-bound do 6-hoop at $1.30 for r. o. and $1.45 for w. o.; oleo tierces, 8-hoop at $1.35 for r. o. and $1.45 for w. o.; pork barrels, $1.35 for wood-bound and $1.50@1.70 for do 6-hoop iron-bound; slack-work barrels—8-hoop patent flour, 44c; 6-hoop do 40c; round-hoop do, 44c; 6-hoop patent flour 38c; barrels, 32c; 8-hoop sugar, 47c; 6-hoop do, 44c; mill-run apple, 36c; No. 2 do, 26c.

SECOND-HAND BARRELS—Coal oil, gasoline, turpentine, naphtha, wine, spirits, alcohol light oil, linseed varnish, whisky and wood alcohol all 90c; lard (wood-bound), 40c; iron-bound, 45c; whisky, 40c; pork, 40c; vinegar, 75c; black oil, 40c; paint or tar, 40c; oil half barrels, 60c; syrup, 50c; syrup and pickle barrels, 35c; round pickle, 30c; 15c off for broken heads or staves.

LINSEED OIL—In lots of from 1 to 5 barrels at 70c per gallon for raw and 71c for boiled.

Fruits.

Receipts by rail—Apples, 3 cars; oranges, 5; lemons, 1; cranberries, 1.

Regular daily meeting of St. Louis Fruit and Produce Exchange suspended until after Christmas.

APPLES—Market quiet and prices unchanged. Kings, Grimes' golden, York imperial and Jonathan at $2.50 to $4.50, fancy 20-pounce pippin at $3.75@4, Northern spy at $5@8.25, Baldwin at $6.25 to $8.50, Greening at $2.75 to $5.50, russets at $1.75@3, Ben Davis, spy and Greening at $2 to $2.25; Western Ben Davis at $2 to $3, according to quality.

PEARS—At $3.25 to $3.50 per barrel.

GRAPES—New York catawbas sold at 18c per pony basket.

CRANBERRIES—Howes and Wisconsin bell and bugle cranberries at $6 to $6.50 per barrel; Jersey at $5.50.

COCOANUTS—At $45 per 1000 and $4.75 per 100.

BANANAS—On orders at 2½c per pound.

LEMONS—California at $2.10 to $5.50 per box.

ORANGES—Florida brights and golden russets at $3.50@2.60; California navels at $1.85 to $3 per box. Louisiana at $2.35 to $2.75.

PINEAPPLES—Florida (auction prices) at $1.80@1.40 per crate, 18s to 36s.

GRAPE FRUIT—Florida at $1.50@2.20 per box, 36s to 96s.

Chicago Stock Market.

(Francis Bro. & Co., 214 N. 4th st.)
CHICAGO, Dec. 24.

	Bid.	Asked.
National Biscuit com	115⅛	116⅛
do pfd	124	125
Fish com	90	92
do pfd	74½	75⅛
Illinois Brick	84½	85
American Can com	13⅜	13⅝
do pfd	81	101⅛
Chicago Railways 5s	101⅛	106
do No. 1	106	110
do No. 2	82	84
do No. 3	13	15
City Railway	160	180
do 5s	103⅛	103⅝
People's Gas 100	115	118
Metropolitan com	16⅛	17⅛
do pfd	36	38
do 4s	83	83⅛
Quaker Oats com	100	105
do pfd	103	104
Swift	108½	109
South Side Elevated	84½	86
Streets com	53	55⅛
do pfd	104	106
Chicago Telephone	134	136
Western Stone	17	19
Kansas City Light com	....	80
do pfd	78	80
Sears Roebuck com	163	165
do pfd	121	121⅝
Northwest Elevated com	16½	19
do pfd	87	90
Diamond Match	132	133½
Subway	4¼	5

HOLIDAYS ON EXCHANGES.

The stock, grain and cotton markets of the country will be closed Saturday for the Christmas holidays. The cotton exchanges were closed Friday and the grain markets adjourned at noon.

CANDY COMMON IS FEATURE ON STOCK EXCHANGE

Outside of This Security Trading at Friday's First Session Is Light.

Appropriate to the season, Candy was the most sought-for commodity at the forenoon session of the St. Louis Stock Exchange.

The final sale of this security on Wednesday was made at 24 flat, and at Friday's first session the final sale of 100 shares was registered at 24½. At the close 24½ was bid and it was held at 24⅝.

With the exception of these transfers and 50 shares of Union Sand, there was little doing in the market.

Issues of the United Railways Co. were markedly inactive, as were also bank stocks.

In a neat little speech Chairman Rein—in behalf of Mr. Charles Fach who was recently elected to membership—passed round a box of fragrant Havanas to the members at the afternoon session.

The Exchange will close Saturday.

Forenoon Session.

	Bid.	Asked.
Granite-Bimetallic Mine	....	65
Hydraulic Press Brick com	....	17½
Kinloch Telephone L. D.	96⅛	....
National Candy com	24⅝	24¾
do 2d pfd	97	....
Union Sand	121½	....
United Railways com	20⅛	21
do pfd	....	70
Glencoe Lime & Cement 6s	99	....
A. G. & E. 5s	....	96½
Broadway Railroad 5s	100	....
Compton Heights 5s	....	104⅜
St. St. Louis 5s, Ser. 5y	....	100
Kinloch Tel. L. D. 5s	....	90
Missouri Edison 5s (5000)	100	101
do 5s ($2,000)	100	101
United Railways 4s	....	82¾
Union Depot 6s	90	....
Nat. Bank of Commerce	223¾	224½
Bankers' Trust	200	....
Mississippi Valley	294⅝	296
St. Louis Union	401	....
Title Guaranty	....	82¼

SALES.

10 Union Sand and Material at 121½.
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10 Union Sand and Material at 121¼.
10 Union Sand and Material at 121¼.
10 Union Sand and Material at 121½.
5 Bankers' Trust at 200.
5 Bankers' Trust at 200.
5 Title Guaranty Trust at 81.
15 Bank of Commerce at 224.
1 Bank of Commerce at 225.
25 National Candy common at 24.
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25 National Candy common at 24⅛.
100 National Candy common at 24½.

Afternoon Session.

	Bid.	Asked.
Amer. Central Insurance	17	17½
Hy. P. B. com	17⅛	17½
do pfd	90	....
Kin. Tel. L. D.	96⅛	....
Nat. Candy com	24¼	24½
do pfd	98	....
St. Louis Transfer	69	78
Union Sand	121½	....
United Railways com	20⅛	21
Missouri Edison 5s	....	100
do 5s ($500)	....	101
United Railways 4s	....	82¼
Bankers' Trust	200	....
Mississippi Valley	401	....
St. Louis Union	401	....

Amer. Central Insurance, ex-div.
St. Louis Union, ex-div. 4 per cent.

SALES.

25 National Candy common at 24½.
26 National Candy common at 24⅝.
100 National Candy common at 24½.
15 National Candy common at 24¼.
10 National Candy common at 24¼.
5 National Candy common at 24¼.
25 Hydraulic Press Brick common at 17⅛.
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*Intersessions sale.

New York Stocks Close.

Reported daily for the Post-Dispatch by Francis, Bro. & Co., 214 N. Fourth street.

NEW YORK, Dec. 4.

STOCKS.	Open.	Close.
Amalgamated Copper	87⅝	88⅝
Am. Loco. com	60	59⅞
*Am. Smelt. com	101⅛	102¼
Anaconda Copper	50¼	52⅛
Atchison com	121¼	122¼
Brooklyn R. T.	79⅝	79½
Canadian Pacific	179½	180⅝
Central L. com	45⅛	47½
C., M. & St. P. com	157⅜	157¼
Consolidated Gas	158⅝	158½
Chesapeake & Ohio	87¼	86⅝
D. & R. G. com	52⅜	53
Erie com	33⅛	33⅝

*Ex div. 1 per cent.

General Electric	159½	158½
G. Northern preferred	143⅝	143¼
Int. Met. common	24⅜	24⅝
do preferred	60⅜	61⅝
Laclede Gas common	108⅞	109⅜
M., K. & T. common	49¼	48⅝
Missouri Pacific	71⅛	71⅛
National Lead common	88⅝	88½
Northern Pacific	145	144⅝
New York Central	123¼	123⅜
Pennsylvania	137⅛	137¼
People's Gas	115¼	115⅜
Reading second pfd.	110	109
Rep. I. & S. common	45½	45⅛
do pfd	104	104
Reading common	171⅞	171⅜
Rock Island common	48⅝	49⅜
do pfd.	92¼	92½
Southern Pacific	134¼	134⅛
Third Ave	16½	16½
U. P., Com	202½	202
U. S. Steel, com	90⅞	91½
U. S. Steel, pfd	125½	125¼
Virginia-C. C. C	54	55
Wabash, Com	22	22
Wabash, pfd	60⅜	60⅜
W. U	77	76⅝

COURT REFUSES A RECOUNT

Upholds Lower Tribunal in East St. Louis Election Case.

The Illinois Supreme Court handed down a decision Thursday denying the petition for a recount of the ballots cast in the election of the board of directors of the East St. Louis Levee and Sanitary District. April 14, 1908. The suit for a recount was filed by Robert S. Conway, president of the East St. Louis Commercial Club and general manager for Armour & Co. in East St. Louis.

Mr. Conway was defeated by six votes by Henry D. Sexton, president of the Southern Illinois National Bank. The action of the Supreme Court upholds the decision of Judge May in the County Court in August when he ruled that the County Court had no jurisdiction in regard to a recount and that the petition was faulty in that only three of the contestants were named for the recount.

The board of directors consists of Henry D. Sexton, president; C. L. Gray, G. Locke Tarlton, T. F. Leydon and C. F. Jones. Their term of office expires in December, 1912.

NEW YORK BOND SALES.

NEW YORK, Dec. 24.

10,000	R. I. 4s	at 52¾
1,000	Nor. Pac. 3s	at 73½
5,000	Un. S. Pac. 4s (U. P.)	at 101½
10,000	U. S. Steel 5s	at 105¼
1,000	Wabash 4s	at 77
1,000	Denver rfx. 5s	at 94½
1,000	San. Ark. 4s	at 87⅝
5,000	R. I. rfx. 4s	at 94⅝
80,000	Third Ave. stmpd. 4s	at 97¼
10,000	Katy 4½s	at 97
5,000	C. B. Q. 4s	at 97
15,000	R. I. 4s	at 82
10,000	Interboro 4½s	at 84½
1,000	Am'n Tob. 4s	at 77⅝
7,000	United Inf Frisco 4s	at 74¾
5,000	Third Ave. stampd. 4s	at 97
1,000	Atch. cv. 4s	at 121
5,000	Jap. Gov. 4½s	at 94½
10,000	Nor. Pac. 4s	at 102
1,000	Sou. Ry. 4s	at 85⅝
15,000	Sou. Ry. cv. 4s	at 104
1,000	N. & W. cv. 4s	at 102½
6,000	Wabash 4s	at 76⅞
4,000	Am. Tob. 6s	at 106⅝
1,000	Un. Pac. cv. 4s	at 115⅞
29,000	R. I. 4s	at 81⅞
1,000	N. Y. Cen. 3½s	at 92
10,000	Erie 4s	at 86
2,000	Colo. Sou. 4s	at 96⅝
35,000	Un. Pac. 4s	at 105⅛
1,000	Marine 4½s	at 77
4,000	Interboro 4½s	at 83⅝
1,000	U. S. Steel 5s	at 105⅞
1,000	Am. Tob. 4s	at 77⅛
7,000	Wabash 4s	at 76⅝
5,000	Mex. Cen. 4s	at 94⅛
50,000	R. I. 5s	at 102⅝
1,000	N. Y. Cen. 3½s	at 91⅝
1,000	B. O. 4s	at 99⅞
1,000	So. Pac. cvt 4s	at 104⅛
1,000	R. I. 4s	at 82
5,000	Colo. Sou. 4½s	at 97⅝
1,000	Atl. Coast L. 4s	at 95
3,000	Un. Pac. 4s	at 115⅝
6,000	Am'n Tob. 4s	at 77⅝
1,000	U. S. Steel 5s	at 105⅛
5,000	Am'n Tob. 6s	at 93
3,000	Westinghouse cv. 5s	at 95
5,000	Atl. Coast Col. Tr. 4s	at 95
5,000	Oregon Short L. 4s	at 94⅛
10,000	Interboro 4½s	at 83⅝
5,000	R. I. rfg. 4s	at 90⅝
1,000	So. Pac. rfg.	at 94⅝
1,000	Am'n T.-T. cv. 4s	at 104
20,000	R. I. 4s	at 83
1,000	C. O. 4½s	at 108
4,000	K. S. U. 5s	at 102⅝
1,000	Dis. Sec. 5s	at 74½
1,000	Atlantic C. Line Tr. 4s	at 94⅜
4,000	Frisco 4s	at 85⅞
1,000	R. I. rfg. 4s	at 91⅛
5,000	American T.-T. cv. 4s	at 94⅛
1,000	Southern Pacific rfg. 4s	at 94⅞
5,000	R. I. 4s	at 83⅛
1,000	American Tob. 4s	at 77⅛
10,000	U. S. Steel 5s	at 105⅜
1,000	Southern Pacific cv. 4s	at 104⅛
5,000	Interboro 4½s	at 83⅝
1,000	Jap. Gov. 4½s	at 94⅛
5,000	Pennsylvania cv. 3½s (1915)	at 96⅝
2,000	Wabash 4s	at 77
2,000	Union Pacific 4s	at 101⅛
4,000	M. K. & T. 4½s	at 91½

New York Curb Opening.

NEW YORK, Dec. 24.

	Bid.	Asked.
Amer. Tobacco com.	422	425
Bay State Gas	⅝	15-16
Chicago Subway	4½	5
Havana Tobacco	7	8
do pfd.	10	20
International Salt	20	21
Manhattan Transit	2½	2¾
Standard Oil	660	670
Tidewater 6s	101¾	101⅞
Con. S. S. 4s	92	94
Western Pacific 5s	97	97½
British Copper	7⅞	8¼
Buffalo Mines	2⅛	2¼
Butte Coalition	22	23
Cobalt Central	25	26
Cumberland Ely	9	10
Goyrn Reserve	4¼	4¼
Davis Daly	4½	4¾
Dolores Limited	....	7½
Douglas Copper	1⅝	2
Ely Central	2 3-16	2⅜
Goldfield Consolidated	8

DEATHS.

BENSON—Entered into rest on Thursday, Dec. 23, 1909, at San Antonio, Tex., Joseph H. Benson, beloved husband of Mary Benson (nee Campbell), and dear brother of George J. Benson.
Due notice of funeral will be given later.
Memphis (Tenn.) papers please copy.

BOHM—In Ducktown, Tenn., John Valentine Bohm, son of A. V. and Emma Kneisley, of typhoid fever, aged 41 years. Survived by wife, father and mother and brother, Charles A. Bohm of New York.
Particulars later.

BRUENIG—On Friday, Dec. 24, 1909, at 4:30 a. m., Lisette Bruenig (nee Harstick), beloved wife of Frederick Bruenig, and mother of Mrs. Henry G. Berning, Otto and Emma Bruenig, aged 53 years 10 months and 22 days.
Funeral from residence of son-in-law, 20 South Fifteenth street, on Sunday, Dec. 26, at 2 p. m. Funeral private. (6c)

CUTLER—Entered into rest on Thursday, Dec. 23, 1909, Mrs. Julia A. Cutler, widow of O. J. Cutler, mother of Mrs. L. A. Martin, Mrs. Jennie F. Zimmer, Mrs. L. H. Morton, Mrs. Ollie Osborne, Mrs. Charles Spier, Mrs. W. E. Backer and Samuel P. Cutler, and dear mother-in-law and grandmother, in her sixty-eighth year.
Funeral on Saturday, Dec. 25, at 9:30 a. m., from residence, 4587 North Market street, to St. Peter's Cemetery. Funeral private.

DONAHUE—On Thursday, Dec. 23, 1909, at 2 p. m., Mrs. Clara I. Donahue, beloved wife of James P. Donahue, and daughter of Thomas and the late Clara McQuade, and sister of George J. and Thomas J. McQuade.
Funeral from residence of her brother, George McQuade, 715 Mound street, on Sunday, Dec. 26, at 2 p. m., to St. Patrick's Church, thence to Calvary Cemetery. Friends respectfully invited to attend. (6c)

FISHER—In Brooklyn, N. Y., Wednesday, Dec. 22, 1909, George M. Fisher, son of the late George M. Fisher.
Funeral on Sunday, Dec. 26, at 2:30 p. m., from the Alexander parlors, 2835 Olive street. Interment in Bellefontaine Cemetery. (6c)

HORSTMAN—Entered into eternal rest on Thursday, Dec. 21, 1909, at 1 a. m., Sophia Horstman (nee Lansersieck), aged 72 years, widow of the late Henry Horstman and our dear mother, grandmother and great-grandmother.
The funeral will take place on Saturday, Dec. 25, at 2 p. m., from residence, 2033A Alice avenue. Relatives and friends are invited to attend.

KELLEY—On Friday, Dec. 24, 1909, at 3 a. m., James Kelley, father of John, Thomas, Michael, Mary and Ann Kelley.
Funeral on Sunday morning, Dec. 26, from residence, 2355 Osceola street, to St. Thomas of Aquin's Church, thence to Calvary Cemetery.

LANE—Eneas Lane, aged 34 years, beloved son of John and Bessie Lane (nee Collins), brother of Batt, Denis, John, Mary and Nellie Lane, Mrs. Frank Heffernan and Mrs. James McEnery, native of Abbeyfeale, County Limerick, Ireland.
Funeral from 3900 Kennerly avenue, Saturday, Dec. 25, at 1:30 p. m., to St. Matthew's Church, thence to Calvary Cemetery. Friends are respectfully invited.
Chicago (Ill.) and Washington (D. C. papers please copy. (c)

LESTER—Entered into rest Thursday, Dec. 23, 1909, at 5:40 a. m., Mary E. Lester (nee Charland), beloved mother of Rose M. Fiedeler (nee Lester) and dear father-in-law of B. H. Fiedeler and dear grandmother of Mrs. P. Gravelis (nee Fiedeler), Robert and Lester Fiedeler, in her 68th year.
Funeral on Saturday, Dec. 25, at 2 p. m., from family residence, 3105 Walter avenue, Maplewood, to Immaculate Conception Church, Maplewood, thence to Calvary Cemetery. Friends are invited to attend.

LOFTUS—On Thursday, Dec. 23, 1909, at 1:55 a. m., Bridget Loftus (nee Hughes), relict of Michael Loftus, beloved mother of Thomas J., Mary E. and Anna M. Loftus.
The funeral will take place Sunday, Dec. 26, at 8:30 a. m., from family residence, 4232 N. Prairie avenue, to Holy Name Church, thence to Calvary Cemetery. Friends are invited to attend. (6c)

LOGUE—Entered into rest on Thursday, Dec. 23, 1909, at 9:30 a. m., at her late residence, 3537 Lawton avenue, Anna M. Logue, widow of George J. Logue, and our dear mother.
Funeral will take place from 3537 Lawton avenue, on Monday, Dec. 27, at 8:30 a. m., to St. Xavier's Church, thence to Calvary Cemetery.

LYONS—Entered into rest on Thursday, Dec. 23, 1909, at 7:15 a. m., Margaret Lyons (nee Corbett), beloved wife of Owen Lyons and dear sister of James Corbett, aged 52 years.
Funeral on Saturday, Dec. 25, at 1:30 p. m., from late residence, 2128 Wash street, to St. Bridget's Church, thence to Calvary Cemetery.
Cincinnati (O.) papers please copy.

McCABE—Entered into rest on Friday, Dec. 24, 1909, at 12:30 a. m., Ross McCabe, beloved husband of Bridget McCabe (nee Taaffee), and dear brother of Mary Luke, Patrick, Rose Keeton (nee McCabe), Matthew and John McCabe, and grandfather of Mabel and Ethel Keeton.
Funeral from residence, 3665 Blow street, on Sunday, Dec. 26, at 2 p. m., to SS. Mary and Joseph's Church, thence to Mount Olive Cemetery.
Pittsburg (Pa.) papers please copy. (6c)

McCONNELL—Entered into rest on Thursday, Dec. 23, 1909, at 12:55 p. m., after a lingering illness, Alonzo McConnell, beloved husband of Minnie McConnell (nee Alsup), son of Mrs. H. McConnell Gafney, and brother of William McConnell and Mrs. R. T. McHughes, aged 31 years.
Remains will be forwarded from residence, 1230 Hickory street, on Saturday, Dec. 25, at 7 a. m., to Red Bud, Ill. (c)

MACHATSCHEK—Entered into rest on Wednesday, Dec. 22, 1909, at 11:45 p. m., Barbara Machatschek (nee Jahn), relict of Joseph Machatschek, beloved mother of Joseph, Edward and Mary Machatschek, mother-in-law of Mrs. Estella Machatschek (nee Lutz), and our dear aunt, aged 53 years and 6 months.
Funeral on Sunday, Dec. 26, at 1:30 p. m., from family residence, 1954 Arsenal street, to Missouri Crematory. Friends and relatives invited. (7c)

MEIER—Suddenly, on Wednesday, Dec. 22, 1909, at 5:15 p. m., August Meier, beloved father of Henry and Frank J. Meier, and dear father-in-law of Clara Meier (nee Moss), and Anna Meier (nee Gesell), and our dear grandfather, at the age of 56 years and 3 months.
The funeral will take place from residence of his son, Mr. Frank J. Meier, 2488 Bircher street, on Sunday, Dec. 26, at 1:30 p. m., thence to Calvery Cemetery. Relatives and friends are invited to attend. (7c)

MONKS—Entered into rest on Thursday, Dec. 23, 1909, at 1:45 a. m., Ella, beloved daughter of Luke Monks, dear sister of Mrs. M. E. Hannan, Mrs. G. A. Miller and Mrs. Anna Hawkins.
Funeral from the residence of her brother-in-law, George A. Miller, 4525 Chouteau avenue, on Saturday, Dec. 25, at 1:30 p. m., to St. Cronan's Church, thence to Calvary Cemetery.
Deceased was a member of St. Cronan's Branch, No. 135, C. K. and L. of A. (c)

NAGGI—Entered into rest on Thursday, Dec. 23, 1909, at 10:15 a. m., after a short illness, Minnie Naggi (nee Crispy), beloved wife of Antonio Naggi, dear mother of Amelia and Frank Naggi, and our dear daughter and sister, aged 22 years.
The funeral will take place from residence, 2030 Cooper street, on Sunday, Dec. 26, at 1 p. m., to St. Ambrosius' Church, thence to SS. Peter and Paul's Cemetery. Relatives and friends invited to attend.

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Funeral from residence of sister, Mrs. Louise Feltkamp, 816 La Baume street, on Sunday, Dec. 26, at 2 p. m., to St. Marcus' Cemetery. Deceased was a member of Carpenters' Union, Local No. 257. (c)

SULLIVAN—Entered into rest on Thursday, Dec. 23, 1909, at 3:40 a. m., George W. Sullivan, beloved husband of Rosa Sullivan (nee Windau) and dear brother of Mrs. Mary Harrison (nee Sullivan) in his 34th year.
Funeral services at family residence, 4329A Gibson avenue, Saturday, Dec. 25, at 4 p. m. Friends invited to attend. Interment at Washington, Mo.
Washington (Mo.) papers please copy. (5c)

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Funeral from family residence, 2313 Malden Lane, on Sunday, Dec. 26, at 1:30 p. m., to St. Liborius' Church, thence to SS. Peter and Paul's Cemetery. Relatives and friends invited.

Notice.
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Coming Events
SOCIAL CALENDAR.

Announce your ball, party or entertainment through this column. All St. Louis reads it.
TWO LINES—ONE TIME—TWO DIMES YOUR DRUGGIST OUR AGENT.

STOCKHOLDERS' MEETING

STOCKHOLDERS' MEETING—Notice is hereby given that the annual meeting of the stockholders of the Simmons Hardware Co. will be held at the office of the company, on the southwest corner of 9th and Spruce sts., in the City of St. Louis, Mo., at the hour of 9 o'clock a. m., on Monday, January 3, 1910, for the purpose of electing directors for the ensuing year, and the transaction of such other further business as may properly come before the meeting. Polls will be open at 9 o'clock a. m. on that day and remain open for three hours.
W. D. SIMMONS, President.
WILLIAM ENDERS, Secretary.

Advertising

Doesn't make property better, but the better property from the profit standpoint is usually advertised

For Offerings of All Kinds, See the Real Estate Agents' Lists in the Want Pages.

TO ADVERTISERS.

Count 7 average words as one line.
No advertisement accepted for less than the price of two lines.
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Report promptly to the Want Ad Manager failure to get returns or experience with fraudulent or dishonest advertisers.
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In answering box addresses write the capital letter as well as the box number on the envelope.
Uncalled for mail held 15 days.
Two or more insertions are better than one. Try a three-time ad—results almost certain for anything.
Money refunded on unused insertions when requested prior to day of publication.
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Lost and Found advertisements received after 11:40 a. m. will be inserted in later editions on "Market" page.
Requests for Sunday Want Ad corrections must be in this office before 6 p. m. Saturday.
Avoid the Saturday night rush and insure better service by filing your Sunday advertisements early Saturday, preferably in the afternoon.
For display rates, contract solicitors and advertising advice, call Bell Main 3150; Kinloch Central 3415.
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TELEPHONE YOUR AD
to the Post-Dispatch if not convenient to go or send to drug store. Your credit is good if you rent a phone.
NO ADVERTISEMENTS CHARGED FOR LESS AMOUNT THAN 10c PER LINE.

CLOSING HOUR.

DRUG STORES—11:30 a. m. daily; 9:00 p. m. Saturday.
MAIN OFFICE—11:40 a. m. daily; 10 p. m. Saturday. (36)

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Lost and Found

IF YOU LOSE ANYTHING—Advertise it here. It will be returned to you if an honest person finds it. Remarkable recoveries are brought about every day through this column. All druggists receive Want Ads for the Post-Dispatch at office rates.
Advertisements received after 11:40 a. m. will be inserted in later editions on "Market" page.
IF YOU FIND ANYTHING bring it to the

Post-Dispatch
Lost and Found Bureau.
210-212 North Broadway.

Get a claim check. Have it advertised. Reclaim it if the owner does not.
THE LAW—People who find lost articles are interested in knowing that the State Law (Section 8475 to 8480, Revised Statutes of Missouri, 1899) is strict in requiring them to seek the owners through advertisement and otherwise, and that a failure to do so, if same can be proven, involves a severe penalty.

LOST

BRACELET—Lost, gold bracelet, with balls on both ends, clasped with band, set with three small diamonds. Reward. Box F-85, Post-Dispatch. 5

BROOCH—Lost, gold brooch; initials L. G. M.; set with carved opal and diamond; opal carved in shape of face and may have been found separately; finder please deliver to Mr. Hagen, at Bolland Jewelry Co., receive reward. (6)

BUNDLE—Lost, on Tower Grove car, bundle of Corinth Woolen Mills tickets. Return to 2616 Oregon av. and receive reward.

DIAMOND RING—Lost, diamond ring, in Grand-Leader, Wednesday. Please return same to Grand-Leader Complaint Desk and receive reward. (c)

DOG—Strayed, black hound, very thin, with little white on breast and tip of toes. Please return to 2713 Mills; reward. Mack.

DOG—Strayed, a female French poodle, with brown spot on right hip; needs washing; answers to name of Dolly. Return to 116 S. 23d st. and receive reward. (7)

DOG—Lost, one English setter, white with black spots; name and license on collar. Return to 3516 Victor st. and receive reward. (6c)

FOB—Lost, watch fob, monogram K. W. P.; reward if returned to 3934 Delmar. (7)

GOAT—Lost, strayed or stolen, large, white nannie goat. Reward. 2883 N. Grand.

HAND BAG—Lost, alligator hand bag, on Cherokee or 4th st. car; reward if returned to 1023 Soulard st.

HANDBAG—Lost, patent leather handbag, Century Bldg., 3d floor, ladies' toilet. 344 Century Bldg.; reward.

LOCKET—Lost, locket, monogram M. G.; reward. Ad. Ghio, Wellston Station.

LOCKET—Lost, gold locket, set with small diamond; initials F. M. on back; bet. Easton and Laclede on Sarah st.; reward. Dave Abram, 1607 Market st.

MUFF—Lost, mink muff, Dec. 23, on Tower Grove car. Please return to 2202 N. 10th st.; reward.

MUFF—Lost, black lynx rug muff, at Grand-Leader, Dec. 15. Return to 2902 Shenandoah av.; reward.

MUFF—Lost, mink muff, Page car, Monday afternoon, between Blackstone and Hamilton; liberal reward. Return 1384A Blackstone. Phone Forest 8887.

PIN—Lost, gold pin, with monogram L. C.; reward. Box G-172, Post-Dispatch. (c)

PIN—Lost, carved opal pin, with diamond in lower corner, green enamel; reward. Miss Markle, 4508 McPherson. (5)

POCKETBOOK—Lost, pocketbook, containing watch and other articles, between Famous and Nugent's, Thursday afternoon. Call St. Clair 557R, reward. (6)

PURSE—Lost, silver chain purse, vicinity Grand and Humphrey; reward. 3515 Humphrey.

PURSE—Lost, Thursday, in Knox's 10c store; please return, as keys are valuable. Mrs. G. Nippert, 7186 Idaho; reward.

PURSE—Lost, Wednesday afternoon, containing two $20 and four $10 gold pieces also check. Finder can keep $50. Ad. A. Guinzy, Collinsville, Ill.

SPECTACLES—Lost, gold frame spectacles. Finder please address or call at 4447 Evans av. and receive reward.

WAIST—Lost, black jet waist. Return to 2621 Prairie av.; reward.

WALLET—Lost, wallet, union book of I. B. E. W. and stamps. Return to 4925 Margaretta av.; reward.

FOUND

CARDCASE—Found, cardcase, Tuesday, at Postoffice. Call Lost and Found Bureau, Post-Dispatch.

CHECK—Found, check, on 6th and Pine, Wednesday morning. Call Lost and Found Bureau, Post-Dispatch. (5)

CROSS—Found, on 22d and Olive sts., an ivory cross. Owner call 413 E. Marceau.

FUR—Found, small fur, on Flad av. Owner call 3409 Enads av.

KEYS—Found, keys, on 6th st. Call Lost and Found Bureau, Post-Dispatch. (6)

PURSE—Found, small purse, on Park car, Tuesday afternoon. Call Lost and Found Bureau, Post-Dispatch. (5)

WATCH—Found, gold watch and fob, on Franklin av. Call 2530 N. Whittier st.

Employment Wanted

MALE

BAKER—Sober and experienced, hand or machine, wants position for a few years; I want a place where a good man is appreciated; no objection to long hours. Box J-128, Post-Dispatch. (7)

BARBER—Sit. by young man to get hand back in line; no student; will work very reasonable. John Arnot, 1205 O'Fallon. (7)

BOOKKEEPER—Position as bookkeeper, or can do any kind of clerical work; good and correct in figures. 6165 Westminster place. M. T. A.

BUTLER—Sit. wanted as butler or houseman; can give references from present employer, who is going out of business. Address Will, 5270 Delmar. (7)

CARPENTERS—Sits. by 2 nonunion carpenters, new or repair work; reasonable wages. 2219 Benton Terrace. Phone Benton 318.

CARPENTER—Sit. wanted by carpenter, on alteration of store shelving or general repair housework; cheap. Box F-96, Post-Dispatch.

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COACHMAN—Sit. wanted by first-class coachman; first-class city references. M. Dooley, 3505 Lindell.

COOK—Sit. wanted by man cook; good, reliable, steady; want work in small restaurant; fair salary. Box F-59, Post-Dis. (7)

COOK—Sit. by cook, allround, experienced, high-class chef; best New York and St. Louis references; moderate wages. Box M-127, Post-Dispatch. (5)

DISHWASHER—Sit. wanted by boy as dishwasher or houseboy. Phone Bomont 1186.

DRUG CLERK—Sit. wanted by junior drug clerk; good worker, sober and honest. Box G-45, Post-Dispatch. (7)

DRUGGIST—Sit. wanted by a junior drug clerk; 3 years' actual experience; good salesman; fair prescriptionist, steady and reliable, age 28; will be open for position Dec. 27, 1909; would like to locate with good man, city or country; local references. Box F-106, Post-Dispatch.

ENGRAVER—Steel plate engraver, commercial engraver, would like position; good general workman. Box F-194, P.-D. (5)

FIREMAN—Sit. wanted as fireman or night watchman; best references. Phone Grand 1748. (8)

HOUSEMAN—Sit. wanted by first-class house and yard man; understands care of automobile; first-class city references. Houseman, 3505 Lindell. (34c)

JANITOR—Young colored married man, no children, desires position as janitor or porter; well experienced; for furnace work, both hot water and steam heat; will attend to furnace in exchange for room. Write S. A. B., 2615 Lawton.

MAN—Sit. wanted by colored man, age 27; handy with tools; references. Joe Anderson, 3606 Chestnut. Olive 3224.

MAN—Sit. with some company or firm, inside and outside work; handy man; steady and can do anything. Box M-87, P.-D. (6)

MAN—Wanted, side line or agency, something I can work at during spare time; no fakers need answer. Box F-90, P.-D.

MAN—Sit. wanted to work around house and learn automobile driving; well educated, neat dresser; best of references from present employer; have had some experience with machine. 2948 Lawton. (7)

PAINTER—Sit. by practical painter, grainer, wood finisher; city or county. Bet G-72, Post-Dispatch.

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SITUATIONS WANTED—MALE

SALESMAN—Sit. wanted as salesman for staple lines of goods; call on retail trade; best of references. Box M-78, Post-Dis. (5)

SALESMAN—Experienced young man desires position selling in city for reliable firm; will furnish reference. Box M-125, Post-Dispatch. (89)

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SITUATIONS WANTED—FEMALE

ADDRESSER—Wanted, envelopes to address, music to copy or similar work at home. 3751A S. Broadway.

GIRLS—Sits. wanted by two colored girls to do general work; willing to do laundry work; good, plain cooking; references. Bomont 650. (7)

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NURSE—Sit. wanted by practical nurse, to help with children and light work for home till employed again. Ellis, 1325 N. Garrison av.

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STENOGRAPHER—Wants extra work evenings, or few hours during day, by rapid A1 stenographer; will take work home. Central 6837. (6)

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WOMAN—Sit. wanted by woman with baby girl; cook, housekeeper; references. Mrs. William Eby, 2843 Washington. (7)

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Help Wanted

MALE

BAKER Wtd.—Good second-hand baker. Call tomorrow, 2901 Osage st. (c)

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BARBERS Wtd.—Two barbers. 1902 Franklin av.

BARBER Wtd.—For Friday and Saturday. 1783 Mississippi.

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DISHWASHER Wtd.—Man dishwasher, at 3829 Easton.

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PORTER Wtd.—Hotel Bement, 1402 N. Broadway. (c)

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SASH HAND Wtd.—That is experienced on veneer work and trim up sash and doors; good wages and steady work to first-class man. Call at Western Planing Mill, Carter and Newstead.

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ROCK CRUSHER—For sale, 1 complete rock crusher, 2 complete travelers, 2 complete derricks, also a lot of rock machinery; 2 engines, 1 20-horsepower crane motor, 1 big frame building, formerly owned by the Pickle & Sons Stone Co.; this material will be sold cheap if sold at once, because we have no storage rooms; all material can be seen by inquiring of A. Wolff, 411 S. 12th st. Both phones: Central 5502, Main 896. (7c)

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SEWING MACHINE—For sale, drophead White sewing machine, almost new; bargain. 2009 Hebert st. (5)

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EIGHT DISOBEY ORDERS AND DIE IN COAL MINE

Civil Engineer and Surveying Party Are Warned of Gas at Herrin, Ill.

MANY ARE RESCUED

Rescuers Ignore Dangers and Bring Hundreds to the Surface in Cages.

Special to the Post-Dispatch.

HERRIN, Ill., Dec. 24.—The seventh body was taken from the Chicago and Carterville coal mine early today, and as all the miners are accounted for, it is known that the death list of eight is complete.

The dead are: Civil Engineer Pierce, his two helpers, Eugene Barrett and Gordon Schaffer, Salvadore Greeco, Petro Romo, George Snyder, Thomas Williams and Tom Harper.

The bodies of the members of the surveying party were badly burned. The mine is not great damaged, and there is no fire as usually follows an explosion.

Civil Engineer Pierce ventured into the gas portion of the mine with his party of surveyors without a pilot, with unprotected lamps, and against the orders of the mine manager, and the advice of the miners, who told him of the dangers.

Prompt action of the management of the mine resulted in the safe exit of the hundreds of men who were at work below ground. Within five minutes of the first reports of the explosion late yesterday afternoon, the miners in the immediate vicinity of the accident were started toward the surface and on the return trips of the cages rescuers were lowered to entries Nos. 7 and 8 west, where the explosion occurred.

Rescuers Ignore Dangers.

James Guinney, superintendent of the mine, and Robert Hueston, manager, headed the first relay of rescuers. Despite the back damp which flowed into the chambers adjoining those in which Pierce and his party were killed, these men plunged into the workings.

Three bodies blocked their path. Hasty examination showed that the men were alive and they were rushed to the surface. One of them was A. J. Husston, a brother of the manager. The others, Charles Klem and Albert Shelton, were revived and all are expected to recover from the effects of the gas which they had inhaled.

The rescuers next found the bodies of Snyder, Greeco and Romo. None of these men had been burned, the condition of the bodies testifying mutely to the force of the concussion.

It was some time later before Harper's body was found, badly burned, the features being scorched almost beyond recognition.

Women Rush to Shaft.

News of the disaster spread through Herrin and there was a rush of hysterical women and crying children to the shaft house.

But as the cage emptied load after load of rescued miners, sobs of anguish gave way to cries of joy. These in turn were soon hushed to murmurs of sympathy as the bodies of the dead were brought from the pit mouth.

Immediately after the explosion State Mine Inspector Little of Carbondale was notified. He arrived a few hours later.

The damage to the mine cannot yet be accurately estimated. The bollery was one of the oldest in this section and few accidents have occurred in it. It is located on the boundary of the corporate limits of Herrin.

The mine is under the active management of J. B. Peters of Carbondale, who is vice-president of the Chicago & Carterville Coal Co. The president of the concern is J. L. Beass of Chicago.

Pierce studied his profession at the engineering school of the University of Illinois. He was formerly a Federal inspector of Government work on the Mississippi River.

Mine officials today were unable to account for his seeming lack of caution in using unprotected lamps. They point out, however, that gas was not known to exist in the west entries, and it is believed that the engineer's party stumbled into a recently formed pocket.

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MINE ARE BURNED TO DEATH IN A BOARDING HOUSE FIRE

HILLSVILLE, Pa., Dec. 24.—The exploding of an oil lamp in the home of Santano Cierbo early today caused the death of at least eight persons and the serious injury of two others.

The dead are Santano Cierbo, 41 years, his wife, two daughters and son and Frank Ambrosino, Steve Renpele and Mike Daradille, boarders.

Two other boarders were seriously burned in making their escape from the burning house.

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Travelers to Hold Reunion.

The United Commercial Travelers will hold a reunion at Hibernian Hall, 3619 Finney avenue, next Wednesday, when a large class will be initiated. After the business meeting a beefsteak dinner will be served at the Colonial, Grand and Franklin avenues. In the evening the Ladies' Auxiliary of the council will entertain the members and friends at a euchre party, followed by a dance at Hibernian Hall.

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EXCHANGE CRITIC IS BOOMED FOR THE PRESIDENCY

J. T. Millikin's Admirers Favor Him Instead of Manning W. Cochrane.

A boom for the election of John T. Milliken as president of the Merchants' Exchange instead of Manning W. Cochrane, to whom the position would fall by a long-established precedent of rotation in office, grew to some proportions on the floor of the exchange Friday.

The threatened revolt against the custom of years was inspired by the sympathy of many members with Milliken's attack Thursday upon the present officers of the institution, whom he accused of seeking to whitewash alleged bucket-shopping members of the exchange instead of taking action to have them expelled summarily.

Milliken, who is a millionaire of wide interests, was compelled to decline an opportunity to contest the presidency. But the movement to elect an independent set of officers has his countenance.

The opinion is expressed freely by prominent members that if the Board of Directors does not take action Monday on the cases of members accused of illegal operations, there will be an explosion of indignation at the caucus Wednesday which the officials will have trouble in smothering. The election is set for Jan. 3.

Board's Action Discussed.

Brokers all morning gathered in knots and discussed the refusal of the board of directors to expel a man who is under indictment for operating a bucket shop and the charges against whom were upheld by an investigating committee composed of Nathaniel L. Moffitt, second vice-president of the Exchange; E. A. Gessler and Louis Helm, partner of Milliken. Moffitt's motion for the ousting of this man from membership was not seconded in a meeting of the board of directors Wednesday, and Helm resigned from the committee.

President E. E. Scharff, to whom Milliken addressed his criticisms on the floor of the exchange, says that the question of the expulsion of certain members probably will be taken up at a meeting of the directors which he has called for Monday. He deplores the attacks of Milliken and the resignation of Helm from the investigating committee. Mr. Scharff will retire as president on Jan. 3 to become a director, and unless precedent is broken, Cochrane, now first vice-president, will succeed him.

FRANCIS DECIDES TO BE CANDIDATE FOR THE SENATE

Reaches Conclusion After Sounding Sentiment and Conferring.

Following recent conferences with Democratic leaders, David R. Francis has practically decided to enter the race for the Democratic nomination for United States Senator.

Letters sent by Francis to Democratic members of the Legislature have elicited such favorable replies that the question of his candidacy, according to friends, is no longer a matter of uncertainty. A formal declaration is anticipated early in January.

One of the Francis communications, "sounding sentiment" particularly among the holdover senators, was written under date of Dec. 20, and is in part as follows:

I am being urged by a great many Democrats, and, in fact, by some Republicans, to become a candidate for the United States Senate and write you for the purpose of asking your opinion as to the advisability of my doing so.

Wants to Have Harmony.

I am very desirous to see the Democratic party redeem Missouri and am willing to do more than my share to that end.

While I realize it would be a great honor to be a member of the United States Senate, there are still many reasons why I should dislike to enter into a contest for the nomination. As most of these are personal, however, I shall not inflict them upon you.

The Republicans are going to make strenuous efforts to carry Missouri again in the election of 1910 and it will require harmonious and concerted work on the part of the Democrats to prevent it.

Only Looking for Opinions.

I do not address you this letter for the purpose of committing you personally to my support in the event I should decide to become a candidate, but in order to get your view of the situation from a Democratic standpoint, and, if you are willing to give it, to have your opinion as to my duty and as to my ability to get the nomination and to be elected as a Democrat. This communication is strictly personal and must not be construed as an indication of a conclusion on my part to enter the race.

At present former Mayor James A. Reed is the only avowed Democratic candidate for senatorial honors. Reed's candidacy, however, is believed to have been hurt by his zealous advocacy of the Metropolitan Street Railway Co. of Kansas City. The Metropolitan proposed a 25-year extension of its franchise, which Reed supported, and the proposition was overwhelmingly defeated in the franchise election there a few days ago.

Former Gov. Folk is waiting to announce his candidacy, although the Francis men profess no alarm over this prospect. Democratic leaders believe the Folk organization has attempted an alliance with the Stone machine, its once bitter rival, notwithstanding Stone's apparent loyalty to the Reed forces. Several leaders who supported Folk for Governor and Senator are now reported to be lukewarm.

MISSISSIPPI LEGISLATORS FAVOR VARDAMAN FOR THE SENATE

Leader of Radical Element Has Larger Following Than Any Other Candidate.

JACKSON, Miss., Dec. 24.—The indications here are that the senatorship contest for the seat made vacant by the death of A. J. McLaurin will narrow down to ex-Gov. J. K. Vardaman and C. H. Alexander of this city. Gov. Noel will not appoint a temporary incumbent as the Legislature meets on the first Monday in January. The fight in the Legislature promises to be spirited. Ex-Gov. Vardaman, the acknowledged leader of the radical element in party politics, has a larger following among members of the Legislature than any other person thus far mentioned in connection with the place.

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